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Author of Our Guys asks, "Could it happen here?"

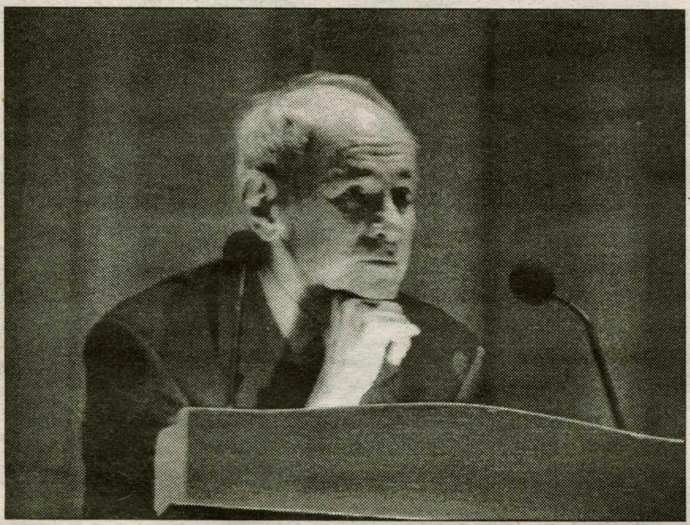

PHOTO BY AMY KOPRIVA '02

Bernie Lefkowitz, award winning author of *Our Guys*, answered questions after his lecture Thursday night. In his book, Lefkowitz analyzes the societal influences that led a group of high school athletes to rape a retarded woman. Lefkowitz pressed students to consider whether similar events could take place in the Hamilton community.

by Jessica Atcheson '03
FEATURES WRITER

Bernard Lefkowitz, independent journalist and award-winning author of *Our Guys: The Glen Ridge Rape and the Secret Life of the Perfect Suburb*, spoke to a full crowd in the Chapel on Thursday Oct. 18 about the need to end the silence that is the common response of communities to crimes of young affluent male athletes.

Our Guys, which is taught in a number of classes at Hamilton, details the rape of a young retarded woman by a group of athletic teenage boys who were celebrated and lionized in the Glen Ridge, NJ community where the crime, which took

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Administrators, KPD encourage students to be "good neighbors"

by Sarah Karalunas '04
NEWS EDITOR

Damage and noise complaints from residents of Clinton have raised concern on campus. The jitney stop in town has been moved twice in the past month after business owners complained about noise and damage to property, said Director of Campus Safety Pat Ingalls. In addition, Hamilton students living in the village of Clinton met with college officials on Oct. 2 to discuss complaints the college received from residents of the village.

"We usually have two meetings, one in the spring after the housing lottery and one in the fall, at which we discuss what it means to be a good neighbor. That includes everything from village ordinances to garbage pick-up," said Ingalls. In past years only students who were abroad in the Spring have been required to come to the meeting with Ingalls, Chief of the Kirkland Police Force Dan English, and Assistant Dean of Students and Director of Residential Life Rebecca Kantrowitz.

This year, however, due to the number of complaints, all students living in the village were asked to attend. In the meeting Ingalls, English, and Kantrowitz reiterated everything that had been said in the meeting at the end of last year.

"Our neighbors complained once," said Dave Estrada '02, who lives over Sexton Real-estate. "They were pretty cool about it. It was Thursday, and they said it was okay on week-

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College creates Sept. 11 Scholarship

by Kathleen McGrory '05
ASSOCIATE COPY EDITOR

Early this week the Office of Communications and Development announced the establishment of the September 11 Scholarship Fund at Hamilton College. The Fund has been established in memory of Sylvia San Pio Resta '95, Adam J. Lewis '87, and Arthur J. Jones III '86, the Hamilton alumni who lost their lives in the September 11th tragedy.

"There are very few people in the Hamilton alumni family, especially alumni living or working in New York, who don't know someone who died or was directly affected in some way," said William Brower, Executive Director, Annual Giving and Alumni Programs.

With this in mind, numerous trustees and other alumni who are not members of the board pioneered an effort to establish a scholarship not only in the name of the Hamilton alumni who died, but also in the spirit of the Hamilton community.

The result of their efforts, The September 11 Scholarship, will be awarded as early as next year. The grants will be based on

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College offices weather attacks and economy

by Christopher LaRosa '03
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

While economic and safety concerns continue to rise in the wake of the September 11th attacks, Hamilton's college Officers are confident that domestic safety and economic jitters will not shake the college's operation.

Alumni relations and Admissions officers' report that the national tragedies have not hindered their offices' operations or campaigns. Financial officers at the college report that the college's endowment, having lost value since the attacks, is currently rebounding and should continue to do so.

While economic concerns have curbed consumer spending nationwide, Executive Director, Annual Giving and Alumni Affairs William Brower does not

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Justinio broadcasts live from Turning Stone casino

by Elizabeth Dolan '05
NEWS WRITER

Live from the Turning Stone Casino in Verona last Monday, October 15 came a very special broadcast of WHCL's "Justinio on the Radio." Always in search of new and original ways to deal with serious topics in a fun way, production manager and host Justin Ginsberg '04 decided to take his show off campus to the well known and frequently visited casino to talk to the Oneida Indians and discuss the positive effects of the gambling venue on the quality of life for many in Verona, New York.

In its second year running, Justin Ginsberg's weekly talk show has hosted such campus "celebrities" as President Eugene Tobin, Director of Campus Safety Pat Ingalls, Night Director of Campus Safety Wayne Gentile, and Registrar Kristen Friedel. Running a caller-based and listener-oriented program, Ginsberg says that his show "entertains without losing sight of the important issues on campus." The weekly program is heavily supported by Bon Appetit and Barnes & Noble, both of which donate the dozens of prizes that have given the show massive publicity as the program that "gives you tons of free stuff and gets absolutely nothing in return."

Previously, Justin has held live broadcasts from the Howard Diner and last year's Jimmy Carter event. In looking to do something different, Ginsberg approached the management of the Turning Stone Casino and Resort to ask about the possibility of hosting a show that would spotlight the success the Oneida Indians have found due to their gambling institution. "Really, I wanted to broadcast from the casino because I thought I wouldn't be able to," said Ginsberg. "I was absolutely thrilled and grateful when the management not only agreed to host my broadcast but also offered the company of so many men so high on the totem pole," he added.

Chuck Fougnier, a member of the Oneida Nation Men's Council; Sam Madonia, Director of the Turning Stone; and Dwayne Spitzer, head of entertainment coordination for

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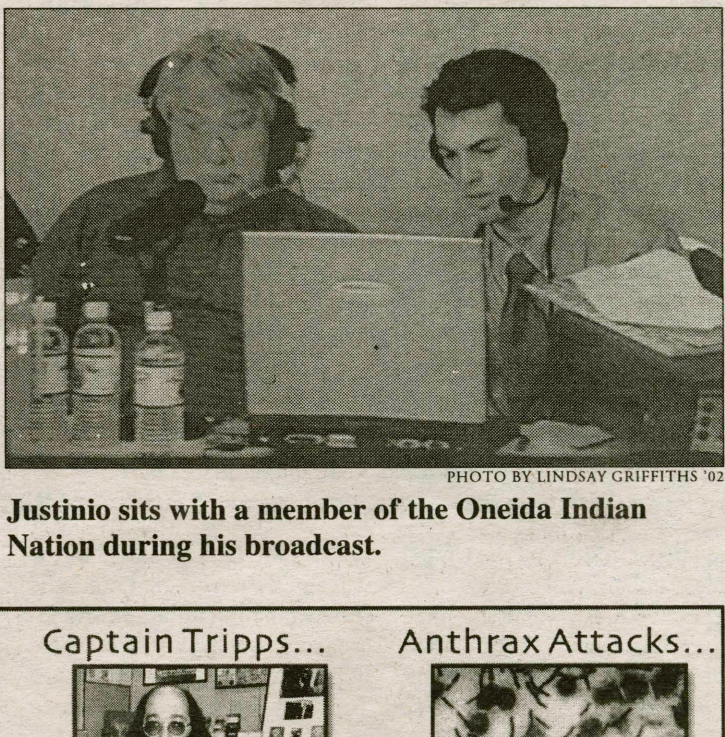

PHOTO BY LINDSAY GRIFFITHS '02

Justinio sits with a member of the Oneida Indian Nation during his broadcast.

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Forum "breaks silence" surrounding sexual assault

by Rebecca Fabricant '03
NEWS WRITER

Members of the Hamilton and local community gathered for Take Back The Night on Wednesday, Oct. 17 at 9:00 p.m. in the Red Pit. The night was organized by Hamilton's Sexual Assault Community (SAC) and sponsored by Student Assembly. Members of SAC described the event in an all-campus email as "a community forum for both women and men, faculty and students, to support those affected by sexual assault directly or indirectly. It is an opportunity to seek solace in others' stories or tell your own."

Professor of Psychology and Women's Studies Margaret Gentry helped lead the evening. She started things off with a brief synopsis of Take Back The Night's historical background, providing a context in which to view today's battles against sexual assault, rape, and violence against both men and women. Take Back the Night rallies have been held throughout the United States for over 20 years, the first taking place in San Francisco in 1978.

Gentry emphasized that the movement has earlier roots in Europe as well, although scholars debate its precise origins. A web-site associated with the University of Montana states that "the first Take Back the Night event began in England in 1877 as a women's-only protest against the violence and fear women encountered walking the streets at night." Others argue that there are more recent origins, citing a 1973 Take Back The Night event in Germany that responded to a series of sexual assaults, rapes, and murders in the area.

Regardless of its exact origins, today Take Back The Night marches and rallies are held throughout the world, spanning continents and cultures. Marches are held in the United States, Canada, Latin America, Europe, and India. Although different countries and individual groups of organizers take different perspectives and approaches to the event, the basic message is always the same: violence against women in any way, shape, or form will not be tolerated.

The main focus of Hamilton's evening was "to break the silence around the issue of sexual assault and to provide information about places to go at Hamilton and the larger community for help as assistance," said Gentry.

Liora Hoffman '03, who has attended every Take Back The Night rally during her years at Hamilton says, "A lot of the reason that sexual assault continues here and throughout the world lies in the power and pressure of silence. As a community, Hamilton needs to create an atsmophere that promotes speaking out and feeling safe doing so. Gatherings such as Take Back The Night are integral in moving towards a social atsmophere that is not willing to accept sexual assault. Speaking out is such a hard thing to do and requires so much strength, but it is also important in the process of healing".

Shaela Gallahue '03, a member of the Hamilton Harassment Grievance Board, agrees with Hoffman, stressing the importance of Take Back The Night in raising awareness of problems in our college community: "People who don't think this is a problem at Hamilton are either very ignorant or totally kidding themselves". Gallahue also notes that it is important to have a safe place where people can gather and express their experiences and feelings and be allowed to be angry.

The Take Back The Night evening stressed that help is at hand if you need to report an incident of sexual assault or rape. At Hamilton, you can contact Counseling and Psychological Services during office hours at X4340 or after 5PM and on weekends at X4000 for immediate crisis support or assistance. There is always a counselor on call. Later this semester, the Hamilton Peer Educators will reinstate their on-campus hotline, which you can call at X LIFE. Off Campus, you can call Rape Crisis Service at X5000. If the assailant is a Hamilton student, you may choose to file a complaint with the Harassment Grievance Board or the Dean of Students (X 4020).

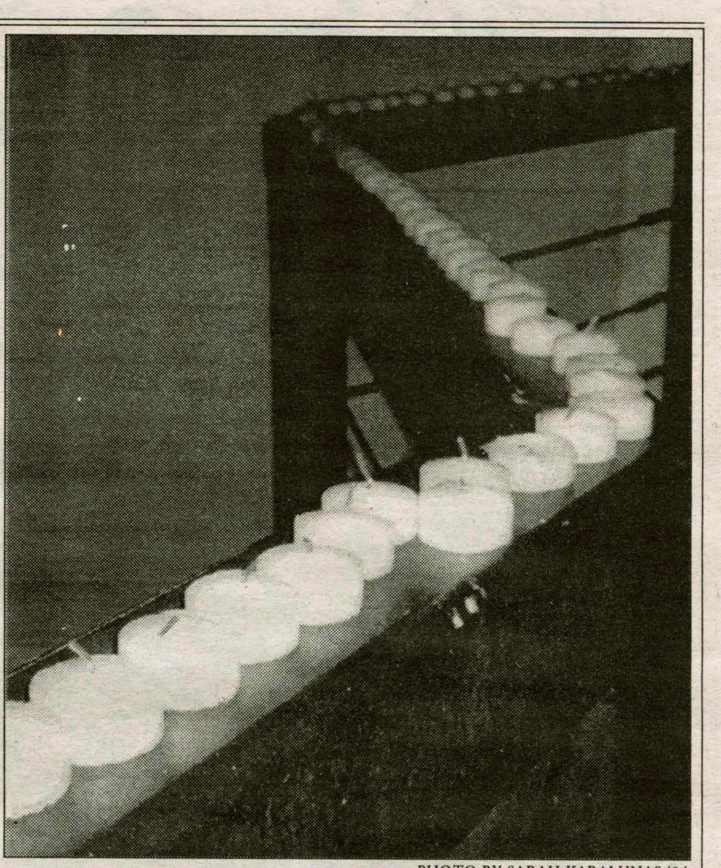

PHOTO BY SARAH KARALUNAS '04

Sunday, October 14 students gathered on Martin's Way Bridge and lit candles and placed them on the bridge's railing to show their support for other students, faculty, and staff on campus. For each candle lit, the college donated $1 to the NYC relief fund.

200 die in Afghan village of Koram

by Chris Takacs '05
NEWS WRITER

An estimated 200 people died last week in the town of Koram, Afghanistan, after supposed U.S.-British bombs rocked the small eastern village. U.S. military sources have stated that "the village was not on our target list."

The death toll given by Afghani officials has been partially confirmed by a small group of journalists who were allowed to view the site and reported seeing "fresh graves." They were also shown the buildings of Koram, about 90 percent of which were destroyed in the attack.

The Taliban claims that the airstrikes killed half of the village's population, and that Koram had nothing to do with terrorist bases or Osama Bin Laden. The local villagers also stated that the townspeople were not terrorists and the town was not a training camp.

American analysts are trying to confirm that the destruction of the town was due to American bombs, and investigate whether missiles were accidentally diverted from their courses Another possibility remains that Taliban surface-to-air missiles may have strayed and hit the town.

The reports of the destruction of the town come along with those of other U.S. missiles going astray. On Tuesday, Oct. 16, bombs hit a boys' school in Kabul, but did not explode, according to Hassan Fairdous, UN spokesman in Pakistan. The Taliban have reported that 47 civilians have been killed in and around Kandahar, seven of whom were killed fleeing the city in two trucks. In addition, four United Nations workers, who were in Afghanistan clearing land mines left over from the war between Afghanistan and the Soviet Union, were killed when a bomb struck the building in which they worked.

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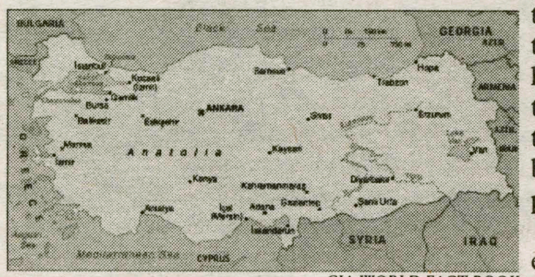
Turkish support for U.S. leaves Islamic country in precarious position

by Mithat Yaltir '03
news writer

Turkey holds a vital position in the Middle East as the only democracy in the area besides Israel. It is also the sole Muslim country that is a part of NATO. In addition to its religious identity, Turkey's geographical position makes it a key country for NATO. Turkey borders Syria, Iraq, and Iran. The Turkish army is the second largest, following the United States, among NATO allies.



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U.S.-Turkey relations have always been positive. The United States established the Incirlik airbase near Adana, Turkey (a city near the Syrian border) during the 1950s, and the base still operates today. Turkey showed its loyalty to the United States by allowing the use of the Incirlik airbase during the Gulf War, despite the economical losses sustained by the disruption of Iraqi oil transport through Turkey. Intelligence information was dispatched from Turkish intelligence (MIT) to the CIA within hours following the tragedy that took place on September 11. Incirlik has been used as a transport hub in the Afghanistan bombing campaign.

Turkey, however, faces a dilemma by supporting the United States in the war against terrorism. Economic recession, high inflation, and increasing unemployment rates impose serious limitations on Turkey's ability to contribute to the anti-terrorism cause. "We have two fronts," said Turkish Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit in an interview with Radikal newspaper Sunday. "There is the Afghanistan crisis ... our second front is economy."

People are worried about the possibility of war spreading to Iraq not only because of safety, but also economic issues. Such war would have a devastating effect on an already fragile economy. Prime Minister Ecevit briefly touched on this issue when asked about it on a TV program. "We are hoping that the United States will not attack Iraq. Such attack will cause instability in the Middle East," he said.

Others are concerned about the implications of sending troops overseas. Cevik Bir, a retired Turkish general who led the UN peacekeeping operations in Somalia, said, "We don't know who the enemy is; therefore, there is no way to predict the length of the war."

Many Turks are angry at European countries for activating NATO's Article 5, which states that an attack on one member is an attack on all, only after the tragedy of September 11. Turkey had made similar appeals in the past many times.

Europe provided little to no support to Turkey in its fight against the Kurdish rebels. 37,000 people lost their lives in the 15-year-long fight. Kurdish rebels have carried out bombings and arson attacks. The U.S. State Department has named PKK, the rebels' Kurdistan Workers Party, a terrorist group.

Turkish Ambassador Faruk Logoglu indicated a possibility of peacekeeping force consisting of Turkish troops. "If asked, we would be prepared to do it. We know the Afghan people and they know us. So if Afghanistan reaches a point where they need peacekeeping offers, the first candidate is likely to be Turkey."

IVORY TOWERS

THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled by Will Fuhrman '04

House passes bill giving access to student records

(U-WIRE) BERKELEY, Calif. — A bill that allows federal officials unprecedented access to student records has passed in the House of Representatives after lawmakers made compromises to ensure some student privacy protections.

The House bill, which passed Friday and must now be reconciled with the Senate version before being sent to the president, would give high-level federal officials the option to seize any student's records.

But new protections now require a judge's approval before federal agents can access student records. Legislators also added a "sunset clause," which stipulates that the law will automatically expire in three years.

The sunset clause is not included in the Senate version of the bill, said Jeff Lungin, spokesperson for the House Judiciary Committee.

The House Committee on Education and the Workforce had suggested deleting parts of the bill relating to increasing access to student records, but the House ended up passing the original proposal after adding in the privacy protections.

The proposal has sparked criticism from civil liberties groups that say it allows for intrusion of privacy.

Middle East courses popular on college campuses

(U-WIRE) PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Schools around the country have reported a surge of interest in courses and lectures on the Middle East, Islam and foreign policy, but professors disagree about whether or not it will outlive the conflict in Afghanistan.

Columbia University professor of history Richard Bulliet, whose focus is Islamic and Middle Eastern history, said, "All professors in the field believe there will be an increase in interest in this area."

Though it is hard to see now, he said there will be heightened interest in college courses, graduate school applications and jobs in related fields.

Bulliet said Columbia students are showing "a distinct interest in Middle Eastern related courses."

He said he teaches two history courses, and the one on the history of Islamic society has a substantially higher turnout. The attendance is significant given that it is the middle of the semester, when students tend to skip classes, he said. In addition, three students have asked to sit in on his class since Sept. 11.

Bulliet said there has been discussion at Columbia of adding a non-credit mini-course in the spring on the roots of and ways of looking at the crisis.

Students at the University of Rhode Island seem particularly interested these days in the Middle East, said Marc Genest, professor of American foreign policy at URI.

U. Michigan hopes to avoid changing admission policies

(U-WIRE) ANN ARBOR, Mich. — In the past decade a number of public universities have been ordered to change their admissions policies to be completely race-blind, often resulting in drastic declines in minority enrollment.

"The classroom became a whole lot whiter," said Douglas Laycock, a law professor at University of Texas, which was forced to abandon affirmative action admissions policies after losing a lawsuit in 1997.

"The minorities tended to blame us even though we had fought this about as hard as we could," Laycock said. "Part of our problem has been to assure minority students who can come to Texas that they are still welcome."

As University of Michigan prepares to defend its use of race as one factor in admissions before the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals next Tuesday, schools in other states are beginning to see the results of their alternative efforts to attract minorities.

Many schools are reporting increases in the number of minorities who enroll, but most are still below the levels they achieved under affirmative action.

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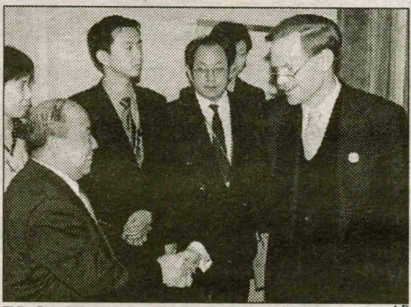
Powell praises APEC's support in fight

SHANGHAI, China (AP) — Secretary of State Colin Powell praised Pacific Rim nations on Thursday for joining America's global campaign against terrorism, but noted that some hope U.S.-led attacks in Afghanistan will end soon.



AP

U.S. Trade Representative Robert Zoellick, right, and Chinese Foreign Trade Minis-

After two days of discussion at the annual APEC meeting, ministers completed a draft proposal that agreed to combat terrorism in a "fight between justice and evil," China's foreign minister said.

But the prepared statement, which APEC leaders will consider adopting this weekend, also avoided any mention of the U.S. and British strikes on Afghanistan or the key suspect in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in the United States — Saudi exile Osama bin Laden.

Bin Laden followers face sentencing

NEW YORK (AP) — The six-month trial of the men charged in the 1998 bombings of two U.S. embassies in Africa attracted little interest beyond government employees and the families of the victims.

On Thursday, the four were scheduled to be sentenced amid tight security just blocks from the rubble of the World Trade Center.

Victims of the embassy bombings and a former personal secretary of bin Laden were expected to address the court before he and three others are sentenced for the 1998 bombings that killed 231 people at U.S. embassies in Africa, lawyers said.

Wadih El-Hage plans to make a half-hour statement at the fortified federal courthouse in lower Manhattan, defense attorney Sam Schmidt said. Prosecutors said 10 victims of the blasts — survivors and family members — also will speak.

El-Hage and the three co-defendants face life in prison for the near-simultaneous Aug. 7, 1998, bombings of the U.S. embassies in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

Anthrax letter found in Kenya

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — White powder in a letter mailed from Atlanta to a Kenyan has tested positive for anthrax spores, the health minister said Thursday, apparently the first case of tainted mail outside the United States since the Sept. 11 attacks.

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Kenyan Health Minister Sam Ongeri briefs reporters.

Health Minister Sam Ongeri told a news conference that the unidentified recipient, a doctor who lives in Nairobi, and four family members "may have come into contact" with the spores and were being tested, but they are "not in danger." The powder was undergoing further tests at a government lab, he said.

It was unclear whether U.S. investigators had asked to be involved in the Kenyan cases, though Ongeri said his department was "perfectly capable" of handling the situation itself.

Anthrax scare sweeps Australia. White powder was found in two other letters — one to an official with the U.N. Environment Program in Nairobi and the other to a Kenyan businessman in the central town of Nyeri.

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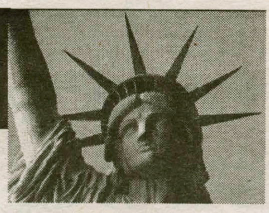

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Jobless claims rise by 6,000

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of workers filing new claims for unemployment benefits climbed last week as the fallout from the ailing economy and the terror attacks continued to inflict damage on the labor market.

For the work week ending Oct. 13, new jobless claims increased by a seasonally adjusted 6,000 to 490,000, the Labor Department reported Thursday.

The advance came after a big drop in claims of 51,000. But in the prior two weeks, claims had posted sharp increases, pushing them to a nine-year high as layoffs mounted in the travel and tourism industries, which were hard hit by the Sept. 11 attacks.

Because the level of weekly claims can bounce around alot, private analysts tend to put more weight on the four-week moving average of jobless claims which smoothes out week-to-week fluctuations. The more stable four-week moving average jumped to 491,250 last week, the highest level since April 6, 1991, when the country was emerging out of the last recession.

More than 200,000 layoffs have been announced since the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, according to information compiled by private outplacement firm Challenger, Gray & Christmas.

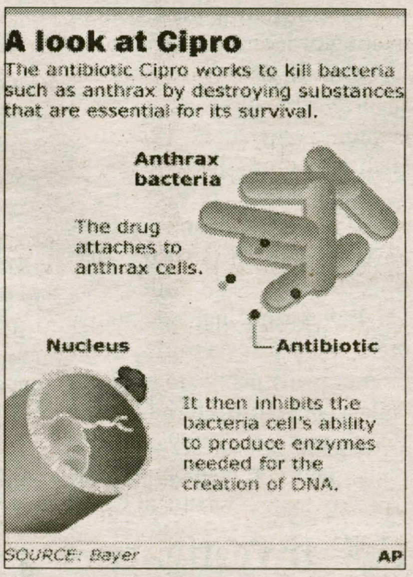
Citing the slumping economy, Sprint, the nation's third largest long-distance provider, announced Wednesday that it would eliminate 6,000 jobs and 1,500 contract workers by mid-November.

Before the attacks, the labor market was already suffering because of the country's more than yearlong economic slump. Now, economists believe the jobless picture will get worse in the coming months.

Anthrax scares nation into testing

WASHINGTON (AP) — A total of five people have been infected with anthrax, out of "thousands and thousands" that have been tested so far in the scares that have swept the nation, and a sixth possible infection is being evaluated, Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge said Thursday.

"There is a great deal of speculation out there, obvious concern ... to all Americans," Ridge said. "Instead of speculating, we'd like to focus on the facts," said Ridge, in his first news briefing since taking the post last week.



A look at Cipro

The antibiotic Cipro works to kill bacteria such as anthrax by destroying substances that are essential for its survival.

Anthrax bacteria
The drug attaches to anthrax cells.
Nucleus
Antibiotic
It then inhibits the bacteria cell's ability to produce enzymes needed for the creation of DNA.

SOURCE: Bayer

AP

Expert: ironing mail kill spores

WASHINGTON (AP) — An expert on germ warfare is telling Americans to use a steam iron on the mail if they're afraid to open it.

Ken Alibek said the combination of heat and moisture would kill any anthrax lurking in an envelope.

"If you are scared, just iron this letter," he said. "After that, they (the spores) become harmless." Microwaves are somewhat less effective than steam ironing because they don't emit moist heat, he said.

Alibek defected to the United States in 1992 after serving as deputy head of the huge Biopreparat venture linked to germ warfare in the former Soviet Union. The Soviet Union produced hundreds of tons of anthrax at its sprawling biological weapons facilities.

Alibek spoke Tuesday at a Capitol Hill briefing organized by Reps. Edward Markey, D-Mass., and Christopher Shays, R-Conn.

College's prospects remain strong despite tragedy

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expect an economic slowdown or national tragedy to lessen alumni enthusiasm or giving.

"Hamilton's blessed with Trustees and Alumni who are very committed to Hamilton and have the college at the top of their charitable list," said Brower. "September 11th puts giving in a different perspective."

Brower said that the national tragedy may lessen consumer spending and effectively allow people to donate more of their money to charities.

Financial campaigning following September 11th has not been shunned. According to Brower, "I don't know of many colleges and universities or nonprofits that are curbing campaigning."

The college's current annual fund campaign, "Defining Moments," which focuses on personal transformations and growth at Hamilton, has not meet with any criticism from alums, according to Brower.

Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid Rit Fuller said that Hamilton's rural location will make it more attractive in a time of national safety concerns.

Fuller said that parents, not students, will be more attracted to Hamilton's location. "Parents have the final say for financial [reasons]," said Fuller, noting the role parents play in the decision-making process.

Unlike threats to national security, threats to the national economy are of no benefit to Hamilton admissions.

"For some colleges it's a plus. For a traditional liberal arts college like Hamilton, that doesn't work," said Fuller.

Fuller said that unemployment and underemployment prompt many people to return to college, but those returning do so at state and community colleges. Fuller said that economic shifts typically take 2-3 years to be reflected in college applications.

The aspect of the college most directly affected by the events of September 11 and the economic slowdown is its endowment.

The college's endowment is influenced by market levels. "In the range of 80-90% [of the endowment] are in equities," said Vice President for Investments and Treasurer Daniel O'Leary.

During the peak of last year's expanding economy, the school's endowment passed the half million dollar mark. Following September 11th, the endowment's value dropped below 450 million dollars. The endowment has been rebounding since 11th at a rate paralleling the growth of the economy.

"The college has been around for a couple hundred years. We invest in the long-term," said O'Leary. "Quarter hits aren't bad. The college is looking at 5, 10, 15-year growth."

O'Leary cited the college's conservative investment strategy as a tool in combating the recent economic cool down. "For the 2001 fiscal year we had 2 or 3% growth while the market was down."

O'Leary said that the college uses a formula based on the past three years of market performance and the size of the endowment to determine how much of it should be drawn down for use in the general operating budget.

Because the formula accounts for activity and growth over an extended period, the amount of funding allocated for the general operating budget should not change considerably in the coming year, said O'Leary.

Complaints from town plague college

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ends, but asked us to keep it down on the weekdays because they had to go to work."

Residents who call the college complain most often about noise, said Ingalls, who points out that the most recent move of the jitney stop was due in large part to complaints that the students waiting to get a ride were too loud.

Finding a new place for the jitney to stop can be difficult, said Ingalls, because it needs to be a well-lit, easily accessible, safe area for large groups of students to wait. The newest stop by the cinema in Clinton met these criteria, but was also chosen because of its distance from any private residences.

Noisy and rowdy students cause problems for the jitney drivers as well. "The most important thing, which students don't realize, is that it creates unsafe conditions for other students and other people on the road," said Ingalls. She said that the treatment of drivers is much better than last year, but that any harassment is too much.

"The message I want students to have is that they need to be responsible...I don't ever want to see it get that bad again," she said. Ingalls added that the jitney coordinators are looking for volunteers to ride the jitney one weekend night during the semester to help the jitney driver collect student ID cards. "The jitney drivers provide a great service. One night a semester, I would hope that's not too much to ask." Students interested in volunteering can call student jitney coordinators Shawn Fortin '02 or Eric Boyce '02.

Lefkowitz urges America to end "culture of silence"

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weeks to be reported, took place. Lefkowitz, who Associate Professor of English Catherine Kodat introduced as "a reporter who has never lost his 'indignation at injustice,'" spent over five years researching this crime and the Glen Ridge community, covering the trial of the boys charged, and writing the book.

In his lecture Lefkowitz reiterated many of the points from his book, asserting that this rape was not a single act committed by aberrant youth, but rather the product of a community and larger society that allowed a "boys will be boys" attitude to excuse patterns of condemnable behavior, which in this case included the young males' overt sexual overtures to their female peers.

Lefkowitz pointed to Glen Ridge as an example of what could happen anywhere because of a culture that gives celebrity status to its young male athletes and holds them to a different standard than it does the rest of society. "Glen Ridge is not unique; it is part of America, and America is part of it," he said.

In trying to address the question of why the Glen Ridge case happened, Lefkowitz pointed to four main causes that were concentrated in Glen Ridge, but are found in American society at large: the boys' behavior as the product of an unwillingness to confront sexual issues; an adherence to a sort of "blind loyalty"; the tendency to substitute athletic, academic, and social achievement for character development; and the refrain from active gender integration in schools.

Lefkowitz emphasized that it's important to analyze the Glen Ridge rape case so that it won't happen again elsewhere. He referenced a book review of *Our Guys* that said, "Glen Ridge was in that basement." He ended his talk by saying, "It is time to end that silence and take American culture out of the basement."

In a question and answer period, Lefkowitz also challenged the audience to consider whether a case like that of Glen Ridge could happen at Hamilton. Differing responses were offered. Some respondents could not see that as a possibility. On the flip side, one young woman said, "Rape does happen here... no one is safe from rape."

A male student agreed, saying, "We're protected up here... it's not the same thing as a small town, it's worse." Both responses elicited applause from the audience.

"I was impressed, especially with how he took what happened as a reflection on culture," said Visiting Instructor of French Matthieu Dalle, who was familiar with *Our Guys* as it was serialized in Sports Illustrated.

Nadia Dovi '04 said, "Not only was it informative, but it was also engaging. It brought up a lot of issues and gave people a chance to voice their reactions."

Lefkowitz was the second guest in the Public Affairs Journalism speaker series this semester. He is also the author of *Tough Change: Growing Up on Your Own in America*, and *Breaktime: Living Without Work in a Nine-to-Five World*. He has been a reporter for the *New York Post* and *New York Newsday*, has written a number of articles for national publications such as *Esquire*, *Newsweek*, and *The Washington Post*, and has taught journalism and mass communications policy at Duke University and the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. He is currently at work on a project researching how women are treated on Wall Street.

U.S. Investigates bombing Koram

*from **Koram**, page 2*

The Pentagon has confirmed that International Red Cross warehouses in Kabul were attacked by a U.S. Navy Pilot. The depots supposedly held Taliban military equipment. The attack was called "regrettable" by a source with the British Ministry of Defense, who questioned the marking of the building with symbols identifying it as a Red Cross building. The Red Cross has stated that the compound was "clearly distinguishable from the air" since the roof had a massive red cross painted on it. The Pentagon has stated that it "intentionally strike[s] only military and terrorist targets, and regret[s] any innocent casualties."

College Hill accident causes power outages on campus

by Christopher LaRosa '03
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

On Thursday night between 2 a.m. and 3 a.m., a motor vehicle struck a telephone pole on College Hill Road, interrupting power to the South Side of campus and to some buildings on College Hill Road according to Associate Director of Physical Plant Frank Marsicane. No Hamilton students were involved in the crash, according to Office Assistant at Campus Safety Marie Goodman.

Niagra Mohawk officials installed a new telephone pole at the location of the damaged pole. Two Physical Plant employees were called to campus to provide an emergency generator to Campus Saftey and to deal with any fire alarm problems that could be cause by the power coming back on line, said Marsicane.

The Kirkland Police Department had not finalized a police report of the accident at the time of reporting.

Student broadcasts from Turning Stone

*from **Casino**, page 1*

the resort, were all guests on last Monday's show to discuss the impact the Casino and Resort has had on the Oneida Nation as well as on the community of Verona.

An estimated four million people visited the resort last year, increasing tourism and consumer spending and thus boosting the local economy while employing over 3,000 members of the Verona area. Much of the Oneida Nation's recent livelihood is accredited to the success of the Turning Stone Casino. In his interview with Ginsberg, Fougnier said that his people do not condone gambling, but believe that their use of the game is legitimate since it generates revenue that is used to boost the tribal community financially.

Last Monday's broadcast is not only a first for Hamilton Radio, but also the latest hit for "Justinio on the Radio." The show, which airs every Monday evening from 7-8 p.m., is well on its way to becoming a campus icon. "We are very happy that Justin has taken some initiative and really gotten into his show," said WHCL manager Dave Lyons. "I look forward to more good things from him in the future."

Editorial

Usually this space is reserved solely for various complaints The Spectator has about a certain controversial issue on or off campus. Though there is undoubtedly some subject out there this week that could warrant our ridicule, since it is Parents Weekend, we decided that now would be the best time to put aside our petty complaints for a week.

As waves of parents come sputtering up College Hill Road in their minivans and station wagons this Friday and Saturday, we should realize just how fortunate we are. Our have gone to great expense for us to go this institution, which happens to provide us with one of the finest liberal arts educations in the nation. Parents Weekend, albeit corny and somewhat staged, should remind us of how we got here. You can have all the intelligence or athletic prowess in the world, but the fact remains that without our parents, we wouldn't be here today. In this time of uncertainty in America, that alone should make us appreciate who sent us here.

True, Hamilton has its problems-all institutions of higher learning do. But now is not the time to dwell on those. We should be thankful that the College provides us with an opportunity to show our parents that we are worth the time and resources they have spent to help us in life. There is no better way for us to show our appreciation than to let our parents share our everyday college experiences, even if it's just for a weekend. Surely there is something we will show them that will make them proud.

So those embarrassing hats your mother wears, the annoying questions your father asks, the several rolls of film they use in a span of 48 hours-learn to laugh at them. What's important is that they are the ones who put us here.

Community Notice:

In light of the recent reports of yet another year of excessive campus damage, the Inter Society Council would like to issue the following statement:

As the private society members of the Hamilton College Community we publicly denounce the actions of people who destruct campus property. Hamilton students are very fortunate to live and learn in such a beautiful setting. Senseless acts of damage and theft not only hinder the aesthetic value of this campus, but also the morale of this community as a whole. The small few who choose to damage this campus create discontent for the much greater majority that respect the vast efforts and financial contributions that go into its up keeping. For this reason we have asked all society members to aid campus safety in finding those responsible for campus damage.

We would like to remind students to use the Campus Safety TIPS Line at x4640 to anonymously reports acts of vandalism. We would also like to assure the campus that we will continue to ensure responsible drinking both on and off campus in attempts to stop campus damage before it starts. It is important to keep in mind that these are individuals acting independently. They do not represent, nor should they represent any aspect of the Greek community at Hamilton. We applauded the efforts of the many students who have already reported acts of campus damage and hope this growing trend of making such action socially unacceptable continues. Thank you for your time.

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Scholarship benefits children of tragedy victims

*from **Scholarship**, page 1*

financial need, with first priority given to students who are direct descendants of any victim of the September 11th attacks. Students who are the direct descendants of victims of future national calamities or have lost a parent will be given second and third priority, respectively.

According to Brower, a member of the Hamilton class of '84, the draft endowment was purposefully written broadly.

"It allows discretion on the part of future generations who will administer this scholarship," said Brower, citing acts of war, natural disasters, and accidents that result in the loss of parents as events which would qualify a student for assistance from this scholarship fund.

"Eventually, the children of the Hamilton Alumni lost in the attacks and the approximately 15,000 other children who lost parents on September 11 will be beyond college age. The fund will go on in perpetuity, thus the need for broader criteria," he stated.

Any Hamilton student or accepted applicant who meets the above stated criteria will be eligible for the scholarship. Currently, 975 students, or 53% of the student body, are receiving College-funded scholarships as part of their financial aid package. The average scholarship award this year is $15,270. $15.2 million, over 17% of the College's budget, is allocated to financial aid. With the addition of the September 11th Fund, Hamilton College will have 285 endowed scholarships available to students.

"An endowed scholarship can be thought of as a savings account from which only the interest is spent," explained Brower. "In the case of a scholarship endowment, the interest or income from a fund is spent on student financial aid."

The Office of Communications and Development has set the initial fundraising goal at $1 million, which will provide about $50,000 in scholarship funds each year. Though gifts have already begun to come in to the Department of Financial Aid, it is expected that additional funding will come from trustees, alumni, parents, and friends of the College. President Tobin will also mail letters to over 20,000 people next week, informing them of the Fund's existence and giving them the opportunity to contribute. Current students will also be invited to donate.

Individual awards will vary based on the size of the fund and the recipient's financial need. Each grant will be renewable for four years. In addition, President Tobin has also contacted the families of Sylvia San Pio Resta, Adam J. Lewis, and Arthur J. Jones III and offered full Hamilton tuition, room, and board to their children, regardless of financial need.

"The genesis of the Fund provides a wonderful example of why the Hamilton family is so special and how it responds to take care of its own and to take care of others," Brower concluded.

Students can seek further information regarding next year's awards from the College's Financial Aid Office.

Insights & Ideas

Give War A Chance

Maurice I. Michaane '03
I & I Guest Writer

I feel it incumbent of my American patriotic duty to speak in support of our President, George W. Bush, and the brave souls of the Armed Forces defending our freedoms in "Operation Enduring Freedom." To all those who criticize our current war on terrorism, I say think about those soldiers who are putting their lives on the line to defend our freedoms, our way of life, and to ensure that the tragedy of September 11th never happens again. Those who perpetrated the attacks of war on Sept. 11th are nothing more than cowards.

The U.S. in no way shape or form, through policy or stance, brought the attacks of Sept. 11th about, and anyone who says that this is not the case is part of the problem, because the U.S. does not intend to see thousands of its people die. That is fact. This was spurned by the hatred and illegitimacy on the part of the terrorists like Osama Bin Laden.

They attacked us, they opened the gates of fury on us, and if you think that we can sit back and not defend ourselves in a way other than the use of force, you're fooling yourself. I support the President of the U.S.A. and his declaration that "we did not start this...but we will end it."

When we finish the military offensive on the Taliban and bin Laden, as well as those who support terrorism, and the terrorists strike us again, you know what's going to happen. A big old-fashioned peace movement (like the one we had on campus) will emerge and blame the U.S. for whatever further destruction and harm is inflicted. Peace followers will say that we "prompted or provoked" the further attacks on Americans. How do I know they will say this: a sizable chunk of what passes for the "left" is already knee deep in ignorant and dangerous appeasement of the terrorists.

I am not for the killing of innocent life, but I am for protecting and defending life and its freedoms. We are conducting a targeted operation on those who would see us all dead where we stand, and through the media and video statements from the Taliban and Al Qaeda (Osama's group) there is no doubt in anyone's mind that the people who we suspect, are in fact responsible. WE MUST STOP THEM FROM KILLING US, with whatever means possible. Americans must carry on our pursuits of "life and liberty," and "Operation Enduring Freedom" will do just that for us and many around the world who avow those values.

Peace won't solve the situation. Use of force is the only solution, and then peace can follow. The American people cannot and must not negotiate with these terrorists, for then we open ourselves up to the absurd. These terrorists do not want peace. They want death and destruction. To negotiate with these scum who are terrorists would be ridiculous, and would set a bad precedent. Use of force, such as out current military campaign, is the only language terrorists understand.

Calling the actions of the American government and military racist acts of revenge is uncalled for. Terrorists must be brought to justice, but for years they have fermented through the appeasement of many nations who did not want to deal with them. This is not a war on Islam or any religion or people, but a WAR on terrorism. Islam and its followers appreciate the value of life as much as any other religion.

Words seem to be an inadequate medium for conveying the breadth of emotions and the gravity of the situation that we have all experienced in the past month. No speech, prayer, investigation, regulation, or military response will bring back those who died. These are nonetheless the duties of the living. Abraham Lincoln said at Gettysburg, "It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us." What is the great task remaining before us? The answer is different for each of us. President Bush outlined his great task in his September 20th address to a joint session of Congress: "I will not yield; I will not rest; I will not relent in waging this struggle for freedom and security for the American people."

Americans have the great task to SUPPORT OUR President, and to perform with diligence our own "little" tasks. Many of us responded to September 11th by giving blood or by writing a check. We must not change our way of life on the account of the cowardly terrorists; we must change their way of life.

During this current war, as in all wars, when the complexity of the real world is most daunting, intellectuals seem especially eager to use the cliché "peace, not war." When we're actually at peace, nobody ever says "give peace a chance." But once somebody else breaks the peace, it becomes a catch phrase. Well, we gave peace a chance, and they blew up the World Trade Center and 5,000 innocent lives. *Now it's time to give WAR a chance,* and over 90% of Americans agree.

God bless America and the soldiers who protect us. Let us never forget the innocent lives that were lost on September 11th, or the innocent lives of the people oppressed by the Taliban, Bin Laden, Sadam Hussein and other tyrannical and illegitimate regimes.

Metropolitan Ruins

Marjorie Kazin '04
Insights & Ideas Writer

It's Sunday night. I sit here knowing that I have two papers to write by Thursday but unable to do either one of them, and I know it has nothing to do with my interest in Machiavelli. During fall break, I got the chance to go to lower Manhattan, my first time in the city since the attacks. On September 11th and the few days afterward, I never fully took in what happened and then we all seemed to go back to our daily lives. I kept telling myself that I needed to see it to believe. Now after seeing it, I don't believe it.

I grew up 45 minutes from downtown Manhattan, so it was always there for me to visit whenever I wanted to. Being in New York City was no big deal for me before September 11th. I never did any of the tourist things. I've never been to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, never been to the top of the Empire State Building, never been to the top of the Twin Towers, and thought I'd have plenty of chances to go see them. Although I am not technically a New Yorker, I live in Westchester County, which, according to those from any of the five boroughs and Long Island, is "upstate." It doesn't resemble Manhattan in any way, except that we do have the same quickened pace of life. I feel that Manhattan is a part of me, and that part will never be the same.

I went as close to ground zero as the police and army officers would allow me. I went with my dad who, years ago, worked only a few blocks from where the World Trade Center was. He had never seen this area so packed with people. Only in midtown do you see the crowds. These crowds were different than your typical Manhattan crowd, though. I have never seen so many gawkers standing in stunned silence, quietly snapping photos to remind themselves what they just saw. The crowds were going from block to block, taking it all in. Just when I thought I had seen it all, the crowds would stop in the middle of the road. This is just something that never happens in New York, where you keep walking unless you want to get plowed over by a horde of people.

I'm sure we've all seen photos on the news of what the damage is like, and how the streets are covered with various kinds of debris. But to see it in person was different. The closest that we were allowed to go at any point was at least two avenue blocks away. I remember as we first approached it from the north side at least five blocks away, seeing buildings damaged and tarps draped over buildings to prevent the facade from falling on the workers.

As we made our way around to the south side of the zoned off area, I remember seeing a Borders bookstore that had no lights on. I looked up, and the rest of the building above it was a tangled mess of twisted metal that barely resembled a building.

When I got further south, I finally saw the shell that once was the pillars of the Twin Towers. Some of the shell had lodged itself at least 20 stories up into another building in the complex, other parts of it were still sticking up from the ground, and others were laying there in twisted piles. Since it's almost been a month since the disaster, much of the dust has been cleaned up or blown away. But even in the areas that we were permitted to walk through there was still a trace of dust. On many glass fronts of stores, windows were turned into memorials where people wrote with their fingers "God Bless America" and "We Will Not Forget," as well as other patriotic phrases. I remember several people were walking around with dust masks. There I was, blocks from ground zero. It didn't seem like the New York I remebered, but it was.

Since we didn't drive in, I never got to see the skyline. I'm glad I didn't. Can you imagine how disturbing the sight of the New York skyline from a distance would have been? A sight that I have seen a thousand times over the past 19 years, not being how I remembered it? That would have brought me to tears.

Defending Activism

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Layout Assistant

Joseph T. Rowbottom IV '99 DKE, in his letter to the editor in last week's paper, wrote against the Peace and Justice Action Group's (PJAG) protest on September 20th. The rash statements made in the letter demand careful examination. However, before I begin my own rebuttal to his argument, I should put forward a few facts about my own views for the reader's sake. As a member of the Peace and Justice Action Group, I support political measures above military measures to resolve the conflict between the United States and Afghanistan, and bringing the terrorists responsible for the tragic destruction of September 11th to justice. I also believe that violent (i.e. military) policies should be used as a last resort, and carefully if at all. It is already clear that innocents have been killed in America's retaliation.

I recognize that the issue of peaceful resolution is a hot one at the moment, nationally as well as locally. Thus one must tread lightly when speaking of it. I will attempt to do this so as not to offend or alienate readers, something I believe that Rowbottom has failed to do in his letter. A fundamental flaw in many people's (including Rowbottom's) view of most peace activists is that they favor non-action in regards to the situation. I have not met a peace activist yet who does not want some form of action to be taken, and justice to be meted out. As stated, most of us believe that political action is a feasible alternative to violent action, and thus a desired one, for the simple reason that it decreases the potential sum total of dead and amount of suffering on both sides. The details of what non-violent actions that could be taken are lengthy, and will be reserved for another article. Since Rowbottom does not try to justify his militaristic view in his statement, I shall not attempt to justify my own (at least not here). His letter addresses specific problems that he had with the protest and its participants, and thus it should be examined point-by-point.

I do not presume to know the feelings of the majority of the people in the Mohawk Valley area, and if Rowbottom is right about one thing, it is that most Hamilton students probably don't have a good idea of what the image of the college is to locals. However, he supposes that "the demonstrators had no clue that their actions labeled Hamilton as a whole." It was obvious to anyone at the protest, reading about the protest, or seeing images of the protest, that the demonstrators were in a minority when compared to the rest of the campus. I doubt very highly that anyone would see the one or two hundred protesters as representing the entire campus. I have confidence that the outside view of Hamilton is not so dogmatic, and that most people probably see the campus as it is; a diverse collection of individuals of vary-

*see **Activism**, page 7*

A Flawed Case for Peace

Andrew Costello '02

INSIGHTS & IDEAS WRITER

Peter Brunette is at it again. He argues that our military actions taken against the Taliban and al Qaeda are in violation of international law, and are moreover immoral. Consistently with his other published remarks on this issue, his arguments are a peculiar mixture of terrible analogies and poor moral reasoning. The response to the Taliban and al Qaeda is eminently justified, and the U.S. government would be grossly irresponsible to its citizens if it did not take military action.

First, the U.S. strikes are not in violation of international law. The U.N. charter, which incidentally does not define self-defense, states in Article 51 that "nothing in the present Charter shall impair the inherent right of individual or collective self-defense if an armed attack occurs against a Member of the United Nations, until the Security Council has taken the measures necessary to maintain international peace and security." That the United States was suddenly and deliberately attacked by an organization funded, armed, protected, and housed by the Taliban regime is beyond question. That the leader of the Taliban, Mullah Mohammed Omar, and the leader of al Qaeda have a close personal relationship and regularly coordinate military actions within Afghanistan is beyond question. Contrary to Brunette's utterly baseless assertion that there have only been "vague threats" of further attacks, that more attacks would be forthcoming in the near future is beyond question. In short, a military organization under the aegis of the Taliban attacked the U.S., and indicated that it would continue attacking. An immediate military response to that organization and its sponsor meets completely the conditions of Article 51—not to mention common sense—and the U.S. continues to meet its other obligations with respect to the Security Council on this matter, by keeping it apprised of U.S. intentions and actions in response to September 11. The lack of censure by the other nations of the Security Council, and the complete support offered by the permanent members of the Council, is telling.

Second, our response is nothing like the father who killed for revenge. We are attacking targets not for the sake of vengeance, but for the sake of prevention. To sit back and allow the Taliban and al Qaeda to continue planning and executing operations against the United States and other countries would be horrendously irresponsible of our government, as well as tremendously stupid.

The most disturbing part of Brunette's article is not, however, the poor arguments or the flawed analogies; the most disturbing part is what he leaves out. Brunette has nothing to say about whether our military actions are the most effective way to secure the safety of citizens and freedom, as they clearly are. He has nothing to say about whether these military actions will in the end be extraordinarily good for the people of Afghanistan, who have suffered horrifically under the barbarism of the Taliban, as they almost assuredly will. These questions, though, are the ones we should be most interested in. As Cicero once put it, the people's good is the highest law. We ought to act so as to secure the liberty and welfare of the people in both this nation and in the broader world, especially since the interests of each are more intertwined now than ever before. Whether our means to that end are effective should therefore always be the prime criterion (though not the only one) in assessing our actions. Brunette ignores it completely.

I call the absence of his remarks on these questions disturbing because I am beginning to sense that Brunette, and others who oppose our military action, don't really care what the answers to them are. Brunette seems to be against military action, period, regardless of the consequences of not taking it. Perhaps he is willing to risk the lives of hundreds of thousands more who would die in terrorist attacks if we did not strike against these particularly inhumane enemies, and willing to risk the very existence of free and open societies for which this nation has courageously shed oceans of blood and tears, so long as we can avoid the regrets that come of accidents, and the sorrow of having had to deliberately kill other human beings. Most Americans, and most of the students here at Hamilton I think, are not. We would not have those who perished on September 11 to have died for nothing. We would not allow the hard-fought gains in freedom and justice to be destroyed by an ignorant band of tyrants, who exploit our sensitivities to kill with impunity. We would sooner face the regrets and sorrows of a present war, encompassing many types of fronts, to preserve what past generations have with great sacrifice given to us, and, in keeping with that spirit, to help guarantee a brighter, more just, and peaceful future for all humanity.

In Defense of Activism

*from **Activism**, page 6*

ing beliefs. To suppose that the peace protest "labeled Hamilton as a whole" is to insult the intelligence of those outside the college.

Rowbottom's call that we should all "lay down your concerns and act simply by faith," putting aside the religious context, is a dangerous one. To "act simply by faith," presumably in our government's actions, is essentially a call to abandon all forms of criticism for the policies of our government. Though I do believe that in this time of great suffering and strife, the people of America should be coming together as a community, I do not believe that they should disregard their own views in favor of government policy. This, to me, undermines the ideals that America was founded upon. Regardless of the situation America finds itself in, its people should never simply walk blindly behind its government. To be an active participant in a democracy, the last thing one should do is lay down one's concerns. Again, Rowbottom's view of "the ideals of America" comes forth, revealing less democratic as much as blindly nationalistic thought.

Much of Rowbottom's anger seems to be directed at Hamilton's professors. Professors, according to him, should simply "focus on teaching... that is your job" and not "impress your views on the impressionable and lead the way." First of all, it was a student who started PJAG, not a teacher, and from being a member I can honestly say that leadership is dispersed evenly between teachers and students. His argument here amounts to nothing more than an effort to silence teachers and insult the intelligence of students, or as he puts it, "the impressionable." This is nothing but an attack on free speech, another one of his attempts at enforcing blind nationalism, and should be viewed with a solemn eye by any who profess to support a free and equal democracy.

The rest of Rowbottom's letter amounts to simple jingoism, spirited propaganda written to try to make those that dissent from the government's war feel bad for having and expressing their views. I sympathize with his loss, along with others' losses, as I am sure he does. However, the anger he expresses is not rational, it is not well thought out, and by its very nature, is dangerous. The situation is more complicated than he supposes. The actions we as a nation, as a people, and as individuals take will greatly affect the lives of people both here and abroad. America's ensuing and future actions are too important for them to be examined from just one point of view, and they are too important to be left only to reactionaries such as Rowbottom, to be directed.

In his last paragraph, Rowbottom states that students' "actions are making the majority sick to their stomach, and you should apologize for being so blind." If anyone is blind, it is Rowbottom; blind to the fact that "the majority" was not sickened by the protest. They may not have agreed with the reasoning behind it, but at the very least they accepted the opposing viewpoint and did not want it completely eliminated or ignored. If anyone was sickened by PJAG's actions, then I am sorry that they feel that way. However, I, along with most if not all of the other protesters will not apologize for PJAG's actions taken on September 20th. We do not feel that an apology is necessary for expressing a rational viewpoint, even one that may not agree with that of the government.

Thumbs Up

- Young sisters and hot moms coming up for Family Weekend looking for a "good time"
- Playboy channel's new "Survivor Reality" TV Show (Sunday, 10pm, Channel 595)
- Getting hypnotized by the rythmic bobbing of Kaufmann's gut while he "works out" on the treadmill
- Losing 10 pounds in the sauna that was the Farm Party
- The "Zamboni Guy's" plot to take over Commons with his swarm of angry, angry flies

Thumbs Down

- Going to the mail center every day and realizing that nobody loves you
- Seeing that random person you hooked up with Saturday crossing Martin's Way
- Girls going to the bathroom in the men's urinals in Bundy
- The new hard ice cream station in Comons accelarating stage 2 of the freshman 15
- Jitney drivers peddling for money
- Realizing Wednesday that Central NY is not the newest tropical tourist spot

Who Cares?

- Team Delta trying to relive the "glory days" of Hamilton Football on the IM Field
- The hip checking, pancake blocking scramble that was the bus trip back from the Rock 'n Roll Preserve
- Wild non-alcoholic parties in Root Dorm
- Declaring victory in a 7 on 1 rumble on the mean streets of Clinton
- Team Boozehounds

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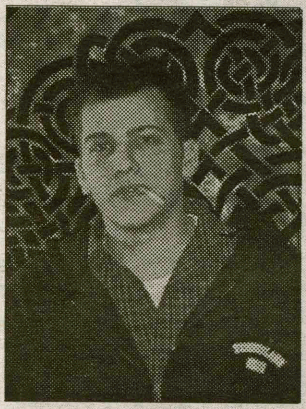

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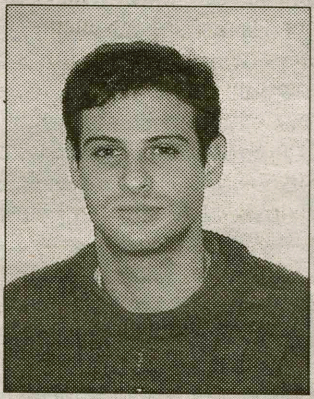
- Roman Bodner '05



"No, I have the right of way, damnit."
- Dave Cohen '05

"I give the same respect to the streets that I give to a man: I look left, right, up, *and* down."
- Alison Harding '05

"I'd look both ways if I got hit by a car."
- Tommy Modzelesky '05

"Which one's College Hill Road?"
- Priyanka Khanna '04

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,

I write this letter in response not only to the very vocal minority on campus calling for peace in Afghanistan, but also to Peter Brunette's article "Attacks on Afghanistan are Illegal and Immoral." While I completely respect everyone's right to an opinion on our military campaign, I feel that many of the people on this campus are, as several others have commented, "living in a bubble." The protesters have made clear that they do not support military action against the Taliban, but I have thus far heard no other options presented. Are you suggesting that we simply find Osama Bin Laden and his associates, sit them down, and negotiate? Will he say, "Gee guys, sorry about this whole nasty business. I realize now it was wrong to hijack four planes and kill thousands of people. Whadda ya say, I'll buy you an ice cream and we'll call it even?" What other action besides a military campaign might we have taken?

I lament the deaths of innocent Afghan civilians as much as any protester. I find it horrific and digusting that these deaths will occur at the hands of the United States. But in all honesty, if we had not taken action, more attacks on Americans would occur. We would be perceived as weak and thus a continued target for other large-scale attacks. The primary responsibility of the American government is to protect the American people, and they have chosen to protect us in this manner. The Taliban has training camps and facilities in Afghanistan, where they train children as young as six in terrorist activity. They teach children from birth that America is evil, and that all Americans must be destroyed. Sorry to break this to you, Hamilton, but this includes you. You are not exempt from their hatred, regardless of whether you protest or not. If you met a member of the Taliban, he might kill you on the spot. He doesn't care about you or the millions of Afghans who have fled from him. I am not suggesting in the least that I do not grieve for the innocent Afghans who die, but if anyone who holds these views is allowed any way in which to express them, Americans, our family and friends, our neighbors and co-workers, and some of us at Hamilton, will die in huge numbers.

I have never felt the slightest bit of patriotism. I have more often objected to the actions of our government in both domestic and foreign matters than supported them. I wanted to leave the country when Bush was elected last year. But in this case, I have heard no other viable option than our current decision. (I will, however, concede that we have been bombing for six full days at the time of writing, and this seems to be excessive.)

The protesters have the right to express their views, but perhaps chalking Martin's Way is not the best place to do that. Those who support the military action do not shove their views in others' faces. Organized protests are fine, because people who disagree are not forced to attend or even see it. But to the protesters, I say, you were not there. You were not jolted out of your morning routine by a jet flying by your window and crashing into a building three blocks away. You did not see the towers burning, smell the smoke, and cry with others in the streets. You did not run screaming for your life with thousands of others down New York City streets. You did not see people jumping 100 floors to their deaths, nor were you choked by ash and dust or stung with glass and concrete. You do not know what it feels like to be violated by some unknown assailant. And to you I say, please be sensitive to these facts. For me to see, every day as I walk to class, you criticizing everything the government is doing to make you feel safe again makes me question the validity of the term "Hamilton Community."

Sincerely,
Andrea J. Coron '02
Formerly of the Hamilton in New York City Program

Letters and I&I Policy

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1. Submissions are due by 4 p.m. the Wednesday before publication. Submissions can be sent by e-mail to spec@hamilton.edu, or sent to the Insights & Ideas editors. The editors reserve the right to refuse any late submissions.

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4. Letters submitted anonymously will not be printed.

I was very disappointed to read Joseph T. Rowbottom IV's letter to the Editor in the October 12, 2001 edition of *The Spectator*. While neither conceived nor written well, Mr. Rowbottom's letter suffers most from a poor argument. Good arguments normally don't rest on jingoistic and prejudicial comments, let alone personal bias and private vendettas, as Mr. Rowbottom's does. Good arguments rest on facts, and Mr. Rowbottom does not have many. Those he does cite are often wrong; for example, there has not been any substantial "industry" in the Mohawk Valley for years, while there has been (and continues to be) a small, but active peace movement, and Anthony Burgess, not Stanley Kubrick, wrote *A Clockwork Orange.*

Even more irresponsible, however, is the lack of action on the part of the Editorial Board of the newspaper. I worked as a volunteer faculty advisor for three years on the Student Media Board, an organization that brings together the heads of Panorama, *The Spectator*, *The Wag*, and many other student publications. We frequently grappled with questions exactly like the one that must have confronted the editors before this letter was published: should we run this piece as is, or do we need to take some steps first? I am saddened that the only step the Editorial Board seemed to have taken was to change the normal font size of the newspaper so that they could fit the entire letter into the space provided. Editors are supposed to edit, and that means working with writers to express their arguments or their analysis as clearly and concisely as possible. I see no evidence that the newspaper did this. At the very least, *The Spectator* should have contacted Professor Haley, Professor N. Rabinowitz, and Professor P. Rabinowitz BEFORE publishing the letter so that they might have had an opportunity to rebut the personal attacks leveled against them in the same issue.

Sincerely,
John Bartle
Russian Dept.

As a member of the Physical Plant workforce for over 11 years, I get to see much of the student damage shortly after it occurs. I am still appalled by what I see week after week, yet angered would be a more apt description of my feelings. The

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latest issue brought to my attention is a classic example of wanton vandalism for the sake of vandalism. I had contracted an outside painting contractor to paint the exterior of 1 Anderson Rd., a college-owned property. This contractor has worked on Campus for many years , thus he has a feel for what items/ equipment he dare leave exposed at night and that which he needs to lock up for fear of vandalism. Apparently last weekend he guessed wrong. He had the shutters for the building leaning up against sawhorses on the front lawn, since he was in the process of spraying them. Either Saturday (10/ 13) or Sunday(10/14) some of our resident cowards decided it would be cute to use a knife and gouge many of the shutters, in addition to kicking and breaking several others. As if to further strengthen my belief that these individuals are not Phi Beta Kappa candidates, they left behind a cigarette lighter, the aforementioned knife, and a baseball-type cap with a name on it ! Hopefully they won't be too surprised when Security shows up at their door.

Every one of us here at the Physical Plant has the best interests of this College at heart; it's a great place to work, and the interaction with the students adds to the total experience. Please join us in helping to curb this plague of vandalism that is running rampant on Campus. The monies we expend on vandalism repairs could be put to use enhancing our already beautiful Campus.

Tony Poccia
Mgr. Building Structural Trades

Joseph T. Rowbottom IV,

Reading your letter that was published in last week's issue deeply worried me. I found the way you referred to Hamilton College professors unjust, senseless, and weak. I am going to refrain from commenting on your arguments on war and peace, but I would like to point out that the fact that you have graduated does not mean that you are an adult, and that Hamilton College students are still kids. Every student of this college knows how to think independently regardless of the steer they get from their professors and friends. Therefore, ordering professors "just to teach" and "not lead the way" shows your disrespect to many people who have contributed much to your character in your years at Hamilton College.

Your opinion of Professor Peter Rabinowitz is a major cause for concern. The grade you earned in his class, a C, reflects your involvement and contribution to that course rather than Professor Rabinowitz's teaching abilities and personality. Professor Rabinowitz is an absolutely amazing person, a very knowledgeable and resourceful professor who tries to bring the best out of his students, who enjoy his lectures and character so much that, unlike you, they take more comparative literature courses. Professor Rabinowitz respects others' views as long as those views are logical and well supported. It is rather sad that you blame the differences of your and his views for your grade before you take the time to think about your efforts in his course.

Professor Rabinowitz cannot stress enough the importance of proofreading a document prior to submitting it. From your letter, it is apparent that you failed to do this one thing he tries to teach so hard, hence it is certainly true that you "got nothing out of [his] class." It is a pity that you could not make good use of such a brilliant person and found the courage to submit such a shameful letter in all aspects.

I invite you to apologize to him, and I am sure that my invitation is shared by many of Professor Rabinowitz's other students.

Best regards,
Sinan B. Misirli '03

To whom it may concern,

I cannot believe Peter Brunette's article, "Attacks on Afghanistan are Illegal and Immoral," made it to print in last week's *Spectator*. His logic is so basically flawed that he should be embarrassed to have authored it.

Consider first his argument claiming that United States military action in Afghanistan is not justified by the United Nations' definition of self-defense. The video clip of Bin Laden warning of more terrorist attacks on the United States was released to Al-Jazzera prior to the first strikes in Afghanistan. From this we can only conclude that terrorist attacks by Al Qaeda are imminent. Therefore, using the definition of self-defense provided by Brunette, "the right to repel an attack that is ongoing or imminent," the U.S. is unquestionably justified in taking military action and calling it self-defense.

The comparison made to Timothy McVeigh was, if nothing else, predictable. Of course we did not declare war against Michigan for harboring Timothy McVeigh, and that does sound like an idiotic thing to do. However, the basic difference between Michigan and Afghanistan is that when McVeigh's whereabouts were determined, Michigan assisted the FBI in apprehending him. On the other hand, the United States has been trying to get Bin Laden out of Afghanistan since the Embassy bombings in East Africa in August of 1998.

Moreover, since the attacks of September 11, the Taliban was given more than three weeks to turn over Bin Laden before U.S. strikes began. Diplomacy (or dialogue or whatever you want to call it) has proven itself incapable of producing a satisfactory solution to this conflict, and so the United States has moved on to its last resort, war.

I would also like to make it clear that the U.S. strikes are targeting military installations. They are not carpet-bombing Kabul and slaughtering thousands of innocent civilians, as the peace movement would lead you to believe. In fact, the U.S. is doing something that is unheard of in the history of war; we are providing humanitarian aide to the civilians of the country with which we are at war. To the members of the peace movement, I leave you one last thought. This is the real world, not a class. You do not have to say things to please your professors. So try to undo the years of anti-US programming you have undoubted been bombarded with as a product of our education system, and join the team.

William Jones '03

We're *The Spec*.
We're watching you.

Joseph Rowbottom IV:

I gather from your letter that you're of the opinion that in times like these, the majority must be appeased. Does it really matter that the peace rallies won't change the tide of events that are most assuredly going to occur, and that they only serve to aggravate the majority? Our country is founded on the principle of the rule of the majority, but the protection of the voice of the minority. Dissent toward a popular opinion can perhaps bring more objectivity to the majority's consensus by making them stop and think a while about their decisions.

To suggest that Professor Haley's son should be proud to show identification and subject himself to humiliating searches demonstrates that you hold as much hopeless idealism as the peace rallies you knock on. Furthermore, much like the campus you criticize, you've placed yourself under a bubble by willingly showing your ignorance of racial issues. Of course you'd have no objections to show your identification. You're white, and in the majority. I can't imagine that you'd be searched if you were driving around Oklahoma City after Timothy McVeigh bombed the federal building; can you? There are assumptions carried with being a minority. While I don't blame you, you clearly have no concept of that.

Has it occurred to you that the reasons these people are protesting are quite nearly the same as the reasons you've decided that you'd be willing to lay down your life to fight the enemy? I can assure you, those that are protesting are doing so because they are abhorred by the loss of life that occurred on September 11th. They've just extended their abhorrence for killing to the entire world, instead of simply the United States. Chalk up another example of you finding yourself in a bubble.

Believe me when I say that anyone who has been struck personally has every right to wish for retribution. I can't imagine what it would be like to have three friends missing in a tragedy, and I'm terribly sorry to hear that happened. If I were in your position, I'd be asking for vengeance. But vengeance is certainly not the answer here. I find it very commendable that you recognize that this should be an execution of the proper justice (although we might disagree on what this exactly is). But I also cannot imagine that you could think objectively about this situation after such a loss. It's impossible not to take this personally in such a position. Another clear example of this is Lindsay Griffiths's (whom I also extend my condolences to) article featured in the same issue of the *Spectator* as your letter.

Ultimately, Joseph, what I'm trying to show you is that the very objectivity you claim that the protesters lack is just as absent from your argument. In closing, I'd like to further extend my condolences to you concerning your friends. I appreciate your letter, as it made me once again rethink what it is I believe in all of this. I hope mine can do the same for you.

Sincerely,
Andrew Tsung-Tse Yue '04.

I am concerned with the lack of intellectual reason that went into an I&I article last week. Not to sound pompous, but "Attacks on Afghanistan are Illegal and Immoral" disregards the real concerns of national security. One reference in particular, which compares the Taliban regime in Afghanistan harboring Osama bin Laden to Michigan "harboring" Timothy McVeigh, is outright absurd.

To set the record straight, I am not belittling Peter Brunette's personal beliefs of pacifism. However, when writing this article, it was clear that he did not understand the harsh reality of terrorism and international conflict. I just like to ask those who want peace, how they propose "justice?" When dealing with an illegitimate regime who has no concept of higher law, justice through diplomacy alone is impossible (as we saw for a month after the September 11th attacks). Unfortunately, those who call themselves pacifists in a time of crisis are inept to a broader reality.

Thanks,
Ned Marcalus '02

Giving Thanks Early

Bill Chenevert '05
Associate I&I Editor

Thanksgiving is the time of year we give thanks, implicitly. We say thanks for the food, our family, and for our health, and then we dig in. Well, with my peers shouting war cries and anthrax cases sprouting up all over the globe, I felt that now is a good time to speak my thanks.

If biological warfare or World War III wiped us all out tomorrow, my mom and dad would never know how much I appreciate them and the opportunities that they've made possible for me. Honestly, how often do we take a minute to reflect on all that we do have? Rather than concentrating on what we do not have, it could serve us all some good, as a student body, to focus on what we take for granted.

We complain, and I do include myself in all of the following "we's," about Commons' food when we forget that we get three very square meals a day. We agonize over 9 a.m. classes when we overlook the fact that the majority of our peers don't get an education like we will; nevertheless at a prestigious liberal arts college. We bitch about how much work we have to do but we don't consider that a large portion of our age group digs ditches and works at McDonalds, while our days are concerned with partying and studying.

So I'll be thankful and maybe some others will follow suit. I'm thankful for: this beautiful campus, the fact that I don't live in Afghanistan, my mom and dad's support, my mental health, having never had to suffer the tragic loss of a loved one, and I'm thankful that I'm not in Maurice Michaane's platoon.

Take this article for what you will, not as a tirade against the selfishness of our student body or as a sappy call to emotional arms, but merely an opportunity to thank my parents and ask my peers to be gracious students.

Anthrax attacks America: examining the threat

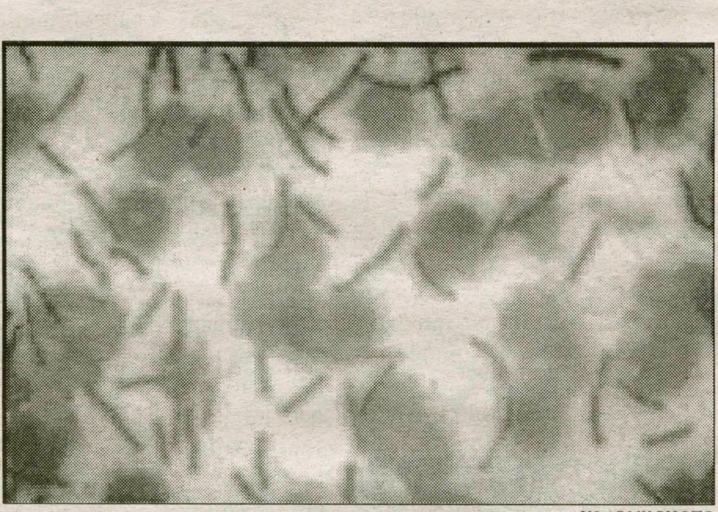
by Kristin Patrick '03
SCIENCE EDITOR

In the weeks following the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, the threat of bioterrorism has become an impending reality as cases of anthrax have been discovered around the nation.

Though no direct link has been made between these cases and terrorist activities, these incidents of anthrax exposure have put federal investigators and public health officials around the country on high alert.

Anthrax is an infectious disease caused by the bacterium *Bacillus anthracis*, a gram-positive spore-forming rod. "Gram-positive" means that the bacteria have a thick cell wall surrounding their plasma membrane but lack an additional outer membrane; this makes anthrax bacteria more susceptible to antibiotics than gram-negative bacteria. "Rod" refers to the shape of the anthrax bacteria.

The disease exists in three forms, which differ based on method of transmittance: cutaneous (through the skin), inhalational, and gastrointestinal. Under normal societal conditions, humans can contract the disease after coming in contact with infected animals or tissue from infected animals, namely cattle, sheep, goats, camels, antelopes, and other mammalian herbivores. Anthrax infection amongst animal populations in the United States is rare, though cases in livestock have occurred in the past.


US ARMY PHOTO

Up close and personal with *Bacillus anthracis*, the bacteria responsible for anthrax disease.

In ideal climatic conditions anthrax is capable of surviving in soil for decades in areas labeled "anthrax zones." These zones contain soil rich in organic material with a pH less than 6 and coincide with dramatic changes in climate, such as abundant rainfall following a period of drought.

Anthrax spores can be aerosolized (made into a powdered form). These spores are resistant to environmental degradation and are the ideal size for invading the human respiratory tract.

Anthrax spores in a man-made, powdered form, apparently sent via the United States Postal Service, have caused the recent cases of anthrax in Florida, New York, and Washington, D.C. Two cases of inhalational anthrax were diagnosed in Florida. Four cases of cutaneous anthrax have been reported; three in New York and one in New Jersey.

The symptoms of anthrax infection vary with exposure circumstances. Cutaneous infections (through contact with the skin) account for about 95% of normal anthrax cases. Infections occur when the bacterium enters a cut or abrasion after one has handled wool, hides, leather, or hair products of infected animals. Such an infection manifests itself by the development of a raised itchy bump that resembles an insect bite. With 1-2 days, this lesion becomes a painless ulcer, between 1-3 cm in diameter, with a black region in the center. Approximately 20% of untreated cases of cutaneous anthrax result in death.

The symptoms of infection via inhalation resemble those of a cold or the flu, characterized by fever, headache, cough, and mild chest discomfort. After several days without treatment, severe breathing problems and shock are likely. In untreated cases, death from the bacteria is inevitable and may still occur in as many as 95% of treated cases if care is not administered within 48 hours of the onset of symptoms.

Intestinal anthrax is caused by the consumption of contaminated meat. Nausea, loss of appetite, vomiting, fever, abdominal pain, vomiting of blood, and severe diarrhea ensue after infection. Between 25% to 60% of cases of intestinal anthrax result in death.

Anthrax cannot be transmitted by direct person-to-person exposure; people who may have come into contact with an individual who has been exposed to anthrax are not at any significant risk of contracting the disease.

How is anthrax treated?

Anthrax can be treated with antibiotics, namely penicillin, ciprofloxacin, and doxycycline. Ciprofloxacin is the drug of choice for treating victims of terrorism or biowarfare, as penicillin and doxycycline-resistant strains of anthrax are known, and the drug is easily dosed twice daily. Since the first cases of anthrax were reported in Florida early this month, sales of Cipro (ciprofloxacin), made by German drugmaker Bayer AG, have risen 33 percent. Pharmacists in Florida and New York have reportedly been regularly filling prescriptions for two-month supplies of the antibiotic, as people want the drug available in case they contract the disease.

AP PHOTO

In light of the anthrax threat, these investigators exhibit extreme caution when dealing with a potentially contaminated letter.

Vaccine against anthrax infection is available and for years has been regularly administered to high-risk individuals, such as persons who work directly with anthrax bacteria in the laboratory, persons who work with imported animal hides or furs, persons who handle potentially infected animals and animal products, and military personnel in areas where a biological attack is feasible. The vaccine is a cell-free filtrate vaccine, which means that it contains no dead or live bacteria in the preparation. The vaccine is reportedly 93% effective in protecting against anthrax. At this time the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia is not recommending getting vaccinated against anthrax, as the potential for infection remains minimal.

What is the risk of contracting anthrax?

In the minds of many experts, both political and scientific, anthrax represents the single greatest biological warfare threat. The World Health Organization (WHO) reports that if 50 kg of anthrax spores were released along a 2-km line upwind of a city of 500,000 citizens, infections would occur in approximately 125,000 individuals and result in over 95,000 deaths.

It is further projected that an aerial spray of anthrax along a 100-km line could produce 50% lethality rates as far as 160 km downwind of the initially exposed area.

Should the average American citizen be worried about contracting the disease? At this time, no. Anthrax is primarily effective as a biological weapon of mass destruction in rather large quantities of 50 kg or more. While accessing and harvesting the bacteria themselves requires only an elementary background in microbiology, the process of milling the bacteria into a fine powder capable of lodging in the lungs without contaminating oneself or killing the anthrax spores is a very difficult process.

Experts maintain that it is highly unlikely that terrorist organizations have access to the expertise or technology necessary for undertaking a large-scale biological warfare attack.

The United States Postal Service has published a series of precautions to take if you suspect mail is contaminated with anthrax.

Experts warn against banging, shaking or otherwise tampering with suspicious envelopes or packages. Envelopes with excessive postage, no return address, or a questionable return address should not be opened. Additionally, envelopes that appear discolored or oily, or have protruding wires or aluminum foil should be considered suspect.

If you receive a suspicious package or letter, it should be double bagged in a zip-lock bag, using latex gloves while wearing a mask. In the absence of such supplies, immediately cover the package or envelope with anything available to prevent anthrax spores from becoming airborne. Hands should be washed with soap and water after handling a suspect envelope and contact with eyes, nose or any other part of the body should be avoided.

Ram Subramaniam joins Chemistry Department

by Heather VanGuilder '02
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Over the summer the Hamilton chemistry department acquired myriad of new technologically advanced items: several Palm Pilots for use with new individual spectrophotometers, a new Fourier-transform infrared spectrophotometer, and Visiting Assistant Professor of Chemistry Dr. Ram Subramaniam just to name a few.

Dr. Subramaniam, who was born, raised, and educated in India, pursued a Ph.D. in biophysical chemistry at the University of Kentucky after receiving a Master of Science in chemistry and a BE in instrumentation at the Birla Institute of Technology and Science.

Ram's primary areas of expertise include cell biology, protein biochemistry, and spectrometry. He also has training in immunology and molecular biology.

At UK, he met a man named Allen Butterfield, who was working on a project involving biofunctional membranes. The idea was to take enzymes and immobilize them on a membrane to improve their stability because they degrade so quickly in solution.

Butterfield also studied Alzheimer's disease, and Ram quickly became interested in the medical-biological research field through this work.

With Alzheimer's, the brain is plagued by plaques composed of amyloid peptide, which is associated with free radicals that cause oxidative damage in the brain.

Subramaniam recognized this association and undertook an indirect-approach study to show the association of amyloid peptide and oxidative stress. He studied the toxicity of the peptide on cells, proteins, and membranes, using vitamin E as an intervening chemical that would possibly block the negative effects of the peptide's toxicity.

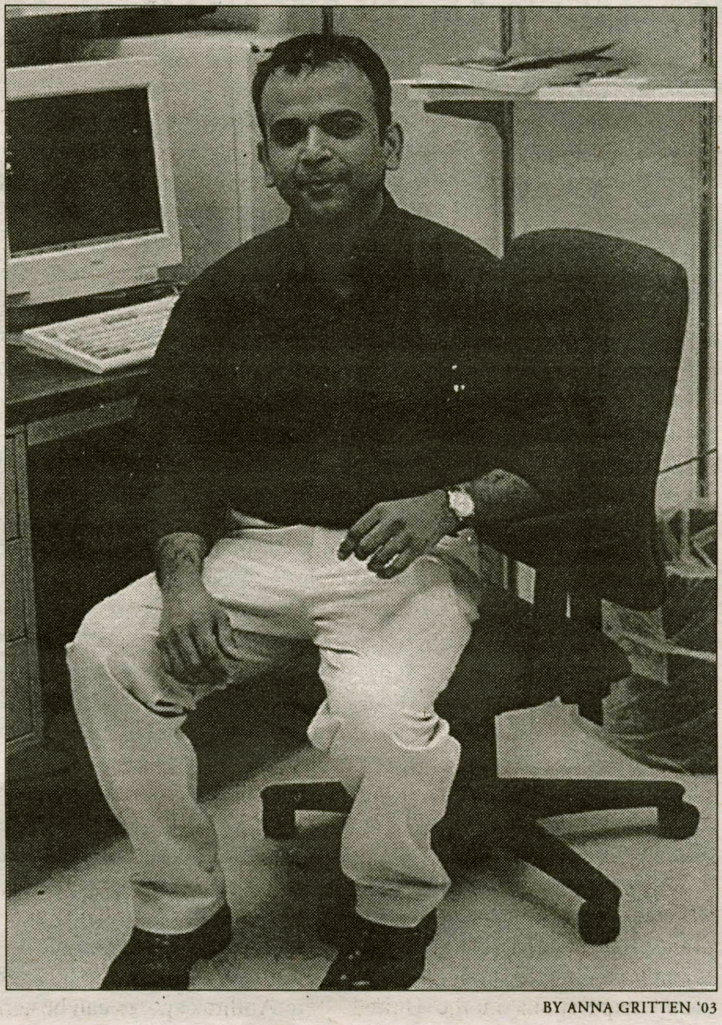
Since vitamin E is an antioxidant, if it proved successful in blocking damage, Dr. Subramaniam inferred that it must exert its effects through an oxidative pathway.

After testing showed that vitamin E does indeed protect cells and membranes, Ram left the project and moved on to his postdoctoral research at Case Western University in Cleveland. There, he became interested in diabetes research and got funding from the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

His research culminated in a project entitled "Structure-Function Relationships of Advanced Glycation Endproducts." This work is extremely relevant to many areas of biological study because proteins are ubiquitous in the body. For example, albumin is in serum, collagen is in the skin, hemoglobin is in the blood, and they all carry out specific functions.

Sugars react with the body's proteins, rendering them incapable of functioning normally. The complex that this reaction creates is the advanced glycation endproduct, or AGE. Since diabetics have heightened levels of sugar in their blood and throughout their bodies, Subramaniam realized that they could be susceptible to the negative effects of decreased protein function.

He developed a study looking at the complicated structures and functions of the advanced glycation endproducts by making different AGE proteins and applying them to different model systems (like cell cultures) to see how they respond.



BY ANNA GRITTEN '03

Professor Subramanium: a breath of fresh air in the chemistry department.

This work corresponded to his graduate work with amyloid peptides and their oxidative toxicity on brain cells in that it showed a similar relationship between AGE proteins and their oxidative toxicity on cell cultures such as blood.

Subramaniam has now returned to some methods of his previous project, using antioxidants to inhibit damage caused by AGE proteins. Vitamin E has been shown to work with reasonable success, but it is too generic and cannot get into certain parts of the body because it is not water soluble. In looking for a more specific antioxidant that will target specific parts of the disease, Ram applied human serum albumin and found that it carries out the necessary protective antioxidant function.

Dr. Subramaniam is now studying a method to find a small piece of the human serum albumin protein, called a peptide, that will carry out the same antioxidative function. Such a segment hasn't been found yet, but if it becomes possible to cut the large protein, which is com posed of around 600 amino acids, it will have interesting applications in drug development.

Conventional development of pharmaceuticals uses a library of compounds that must be screened for desired effects on a specific toxic effect of diabetes. In a long process the list is narrowed down to a few chemicals that must be tested for toxicity and efficacy through animal and clinical testing.

Dr. Subramaniam is involved in a different approach to drug development--that of academic research. In this process one targets a specific molecule, manipulating and modifying its structure until the desired response is attained. Ram is studying the body's own proteins, which are more likely than other compounds to be nontoxic.

His current research involves chemically cutting human serum albumin and collecting the fragments to be tested on diabetes.

Dr. Subramaniam began his education in a small, liberal arts college in a semi-rural area, earned his Ph.D. and carried out his postdoctoral research at large universities, and came full circle with his arrival at Hamilton.

Ram cites Hamilton as an ideal academic environment with a great deal of professor-student interaction and a close community. At the University of Kentucky, he participated in the "Preparing Future Faculty" program, which exposes graduate students to the experience of teaching at four-year liberal arts colleges in order to show them what teaching in such an environment really means.

His preference for a small academic community stems from the fact that, in larger research universities, one can get so focused on research that teaching often becomes secondary. Ram expressed great interest in participating in student-faculty research and is currently seeking grants from the American Chemical Society, the Alzheimer's Association, and the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

He will remain at Hamilton for two or three years, and he articulated a desire to remain in a community just like that at Hamilton. He is currently teaching a portion of superlab and is a lab monitor for general chemistry. Next semester, he can be tracked down in the biochemistry and superlab classrooms as well as in the laboratories.

Recent cases of anthrax: 6 infections, many more exposures

by Kristin Patrick '03
SCIENCE EDITOR

In early October Robert Stevens, a photo editor at *The Sun* in Boca Raton, Florida died of anthrax, which he allegedly inhaled from an envelope sent via the United States Postal Service.

Ernesto Blanco, a 73-year-old mailroom employee of American Media Inc. and a co-worker of Stevens's, was diagnosed with anthrax disease on Monday, October 15th. A third employee has tested positive for exposure to the bacteria but has yet to be diagnosed with anthrax disease.

In New York, a seven-month-old child of an ABC employee contracted cutaneous anthrax. It is suspected that he came in contact with the disease during a September 28th visit to ABC offices.

An anthrax-containing letter intended for Tom Brokaw at NBC Studios in New York was opened by an assistant who also developed cutaneous anthrax. Additionally, a police officer and two lab technicians investigating the NBC offices have tested positive for anthrax spore exposure.

On Thursday, October 17, two more people were diagnosed with cutaneous anthrax. One woman, an assistant to CBS anchorman Dan Rather is currently taking antibiotics and continues to work at CBS studios in New York. A New Jersey postal worker is also being treated.

In Washington, D.C., a letter sent to Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle's office tested positive for anthrax. Nasal swabs were taken from employees in the vicinity of the anthrax spores in order to test for exposure; 23 members of Daschle's staff and three workers in Sen. Russell Feingold's office have tested positive for anthrax exposure, though none of them have shown signs of infection. Five Capitol security officers also tested positive for exposure.

Numerous other suspicious letters have been sent throughout the country. Over ninety offices of Planned Parenthood and at least 80 clinics of the Nations Abortion Federation have received letters containing unidentified powdery substances.

Preliminary tests of a letter sent from Malaysia to a Microsoft office in Reno, Nevada tested positive for anthrax spores, though subsequent tests of the sample have come back negative. An environmental test in the offices of New York Senator George Pataki have turned up traces of anthrax spores.

Senior law enforcement officials report that scientists and investigators believe the anthrax found in three areas -- New York, Washington and Florida may have come from the same source.

Preliminary tests of a powdery substance found on Northwest Airlines Flight 5908 showed signs of a rod-shaped bacteria of the same genus as the bacteria that causes anthrax. Passengers of that flight have been advised to start a antibiotic regimen.

Captain Retro and Lady Thrift: Downtown options for alternative and cheap fashion explored

by Kat McGrory '05
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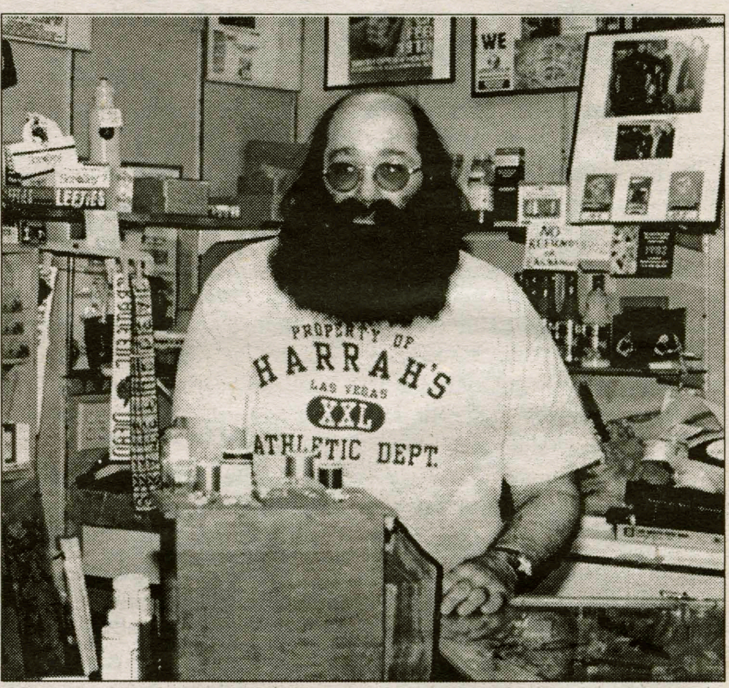


PHOTO BY ERIN KING '04

The Captain himself, taking a break from recreational activities, displays his assortment of "tobacco pipes" and "water bongs." He awaits your business... and a haircut.

"Did you go to that sorority party last week?"

The question was enough to make me stop scribbling notes on our conversation and look up in disbelief. The speaker, a man who seemed old enough to have attended the original Woodstock, rubbed his unruly black beard. After a moment he raised his eyebrows at me, as if to make sure that I had in fact heard his question.

"Oh, no. I don't think so," I finally muttered, still kind of in shock.

"Well, you missed a good time."

So began my journey downtown to gain insight into the world of unconventional clothing shopping in Clinton, New York. I once again endeavored to prove the impossible: that there is a world of fashion beyond the pages of the J-Crew catalogue available to Ham students.

My expedition led me to a hip little store called Captain Tripps, next to Alteri's Bar in Clinton. I soon found myself talking with none other than Captain Tripps himself. And we had begun by discussing the Hamilton party scene.

The Captain, myself, and a big, intimidating dog were alone in the store, the unmistakable smell of incense hovering in the air. He stood in front of a wall of alternative cigarettes, some flavored, others bearing colorful designs, and arranged hemp necklaces, while I gazed around at his merchandise.

The store, in business since 1992, could have very well been uprooted from Woodstock and placed at the very bottom of College Hill Road. Tie-dyed cotton shirts and skirts marked "free-size" and Indian-inspired prints filled the racks. Customized, handmade hemp jewelry adorned the walls. Grateful Dead bears were everywhere. No doubt, if the 1960s is alive and well anywhere in Clinton, New York, it would have to be in Captain Tripps.

"A real mix of people come to shop here," Captain Tripps said while organizing his hemp. "I get the college kids and the locals. Lately, I've been advertising on MTV, and people from as far as Morrisville and Vernon have been coming."

I was curious to know what Captain Tripps, whose store is a far cry from a J-Crew Outlet, thought about the Hamilton population in terms of personal style.

"Well I don't know what the locals think of Hamilton students, because I'm not a local. I do know that the college has changed so much. It was a real hippie college when I first came here back in 1992. The kids are different now, but the crowd that comes to my store is not usually here with their Versace," he offered.

Midway through our conversation, two girls who were in a hurry sprinted through the door. The taller one, dressed in a retro-inspired crocheted sweater and matching navy floor-length skirt, presented Captain Tripps with a hand-picked flower. The other slapped eight dollars on the countertop, and the Captain placed into her hand a handcrafted hemp anklet. She smiled, spun around, and glanced at her watch.

"Ouch," she exclaimed, noticing that the twelve o'clock lunch hour was nearly over. "Gotta run." The two girls smiled and skipped out of the small store as fast as they had entered.

"Just some local girls," Captain Tripps laughed, responding to my bewildered look. "They skip school to come to my store all of the time." He held his flower up next to a new hemp necklace he had been working on. "I like to customize my jewelry," Tripps said of his best-selling item.

"Nine out of ten times the pieces you make just sit there, even though you thought that you were doing something right. So I prefer to let the customers choose what they would like."

Only the Kirkland Art Center Thrift Shop just down the road matched the unusual variety of retro accessories and apparel that dominated Captain Tripps. The KAC Thrift Shop, however, had a completely different atmosphere.

My visit to the Thrift Shop, which has been in Clinton for 26 years, was more of an adventure. The building was stuffed from wall to wall with merchandise, nearly two thirds of it donated by community members, as profits benefit the nearby Kirkland Art Center.

"We sell everything," said Karen Raybeck, manager of the shop and wife of Professor Douglas Raybeck. "Probably most popular among the college students are the t-shirts, but we also sell a lot of children's clothing, as well as dishes and household goods."

Mrs. Raybeck was by no means exaggerating. The store, though not overwhelmingly large, carried just about everything. 'Mother-of-the-bride dresses,' glittering with tacky sequins, as well as stylish cocktail dresses. Irons and CarVacs. Typewriters, playing cards, telephones tennis rackets. They even had my all-time favorite early-nineties board game, Dream Phone, complete with talking phone.

"Despite all that we have, I think that the students' favorite section is the Retro Section," Raybeck continued, pointing to a clothing rack set aside by a bright green sign.

Surveying the clothing in the retro section was like being in a time-warp. House dresses from the 1950s. Distinct block prints right out of Austin Powers. Long sweaters with low necks. With only ten dollars it would be more than possible to create a sharp and trendy fashion statement.

After perusing the store in it's entirety and finding myself thoroughly disappointed not to have any cash, I was surprised to find out that not many Hamilton students are regulars.

"Well, you have your dedicated group of people who like to shop in thrift shops. But, believe it or not, only a small number of shoppers come from the college," Mrs. Raybeck said. When asked if she thought of Hamilton students as conformists with regards to personal style, Mrs. Raybeck was quick to respond.

"J-Crew," she answered automatically, with a smile. "But we do see lots of students before big parties. There is always a big rush in here before a 70s party," Mrs. Raybeck said.

Though she made no mention of students eager to find farm-inspired apparel this past week, Mrs. Raybeck did point out that many students tend to come in during the Halloween season, searching through the racks to find the perfect costume. Looking ahead to the Halloween season, Mrs. Raybeck laughed. "The students seem to have a lot of fun, and we have a lot of fun watching them and their interesting getups."

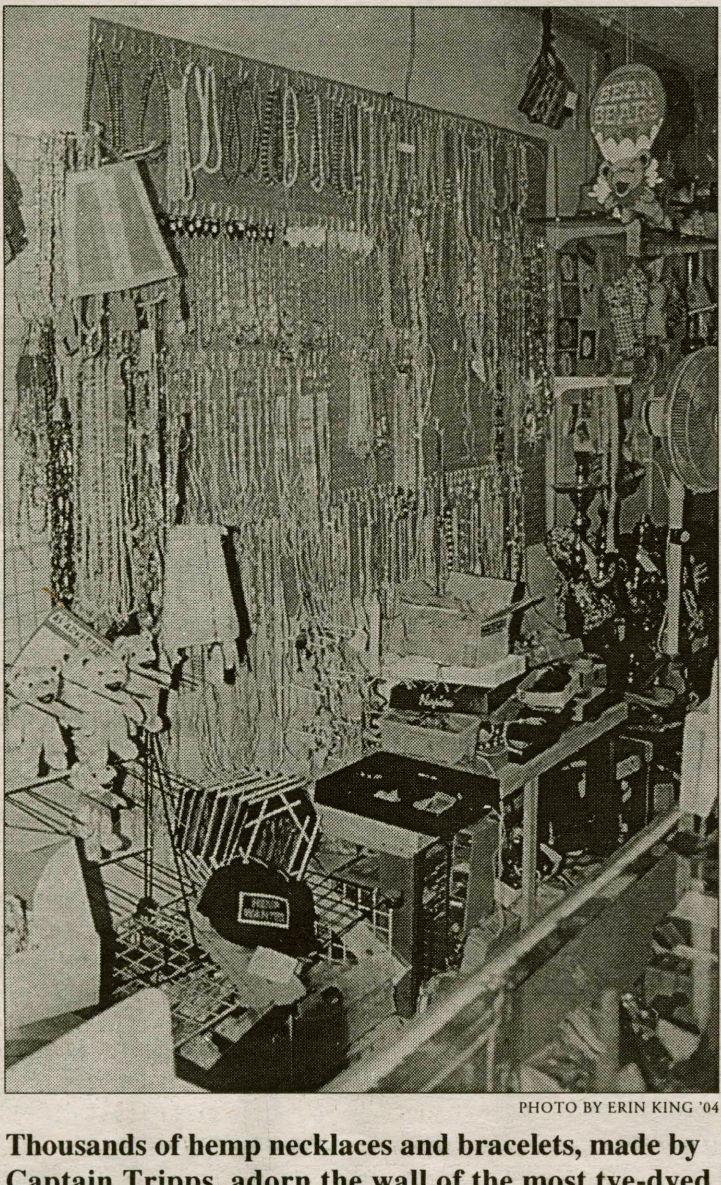


PHOTO BY ERIN KING '04

Thousands of hemp necklaces and bracelets, made by Captain Tripps, adorn the wall of the most tye-dyed store in Mohawk Valley. J-Crew fanatics, keep walking.

PHOTO BY ERIN KING '04

A savvy thrift store shopper surveys the numerous funky retro options for evening wear. Her purchase will benefit the Kirkland Arts Center. The store is a popular choice for Halloween and theme party attire.

Future success of the Sailing Club dependent upon funding for proper racing equipment

by Patrick Danaher '03
FEATURES WRITER

"I think the corks are rotting," said Bill Jones '04, treasurer of the sailing club, referring to the makeshift plugs in the drainage-holes in the Hamilton Sailing Club's only boat.

"We should get some new corks," said club president Julie Smith '04.

Hamilton's newly formed sailing club, which raced in a regatta at Cornell last weekend, is struggling because of a lack of funds to become a competitive intercollegiate team. Smith states that "the sailing club is on the edge of becoming a great team and a fierce competitor. The sailing club is poised for success. The only thing lacking is support."

The club, which has about 40 members, practices and competes whenever the weather permits, which amounts to about three months during the fall semester and slightly less time during the spring semester.

The club's single boat, a 13-foot intercollegiate racing boat dubbed the Hamilton Express, resides in the Oneida Lake Marina. The team practices roughly once a week, but they are going out to the lake more as regattas approach and the team gels.

Last week's regatta was the fledgling team's first one of the year. Hamilton placed 8th out of ten competing schools, beating Columbia and Princeton, which team member Stacey Stump '02 described as "two of the best teams in country."

The Cornell Fall Open, as the regatta is called, consisted of multiple races in two different divisions. Hamilton competed in 14 of the races on Saturday.

The team was generally happy with the results of the regatta. "We were up against some serious competition; the schools we raced against are some of the best in the nation," said Stump. "Given that we only have one boat and this is our first regatta, coming in 8th is pretty good."

Sailing at Hamilton is not as formal or as time-consuming as it is at most other schools that competed in the regatta. "We're a club sport, whereas at some schools they're actual intervarsity teams," said Stump. The lack of equipment is the team's biggest obstacle, say members. "If we had a full fleet, we could have serious practices," said an emphatic Julie Smith. "We have five U.S. Sailing Certified Instructors, so we could do a good job teaching our novices."

However, as the team only has one boat that only two people can sail at once, it is impossible to hold practices with more than six team members at a time. "I don't think anyone on the team has been able to go to the lake to practice with our boat more than three times," said Stump.

Captain Jarrell Price '04 agreed. "We really can't compete with serious teams without a full fleet of boats." "Usually we have the people with less experience go so they're prepared for regattas, but this means that most of us can't practice frequently and fine-tune our skills."

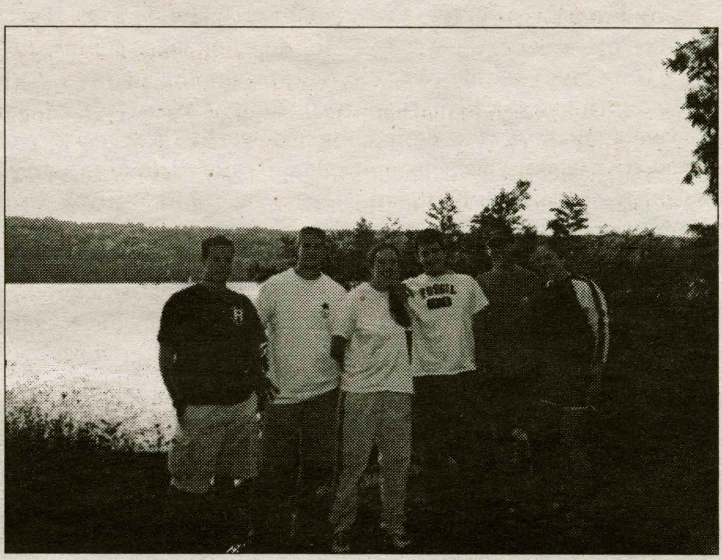
"With one boat you can practice your technique, but you need at least four if you want to practice racing," said Smith. She also noted that "it is not safe to be out [on the water] without a motor boat driving along and watching them and helping them with their techniques.

Price said that teams that own fleets of boats have several practices a week, in which everyone can sail.

Club faculty advisor and Professor of Mathematics Richard Bedient emphasized the need for funds. "This is a tough sport to maintain a team in without a large initial investment. Once we have all the necessary equipment, though, we won't need much money at all."

In addition to boats, the team will need dry-suits, which are not cheap. "In Spring the water is dangerously cold," said Bedient. "We'll need to get suits for everyone's different sizes."

Thus, the team's top priority at the moment is finding a way to buy boats, a task that is proving difficult. "We asked Student Assembly for money to buy three boats," said Price. "They were going to give us enough for one, but at the end of their budgeting they realized they had over-extended themselves and only gave us money for gas and radios." The cash-strapped Student Assembly allotted the team $440. According to Smith, ideally the sailing club would want $15,000 and eight boats. Smith stated that "these are realistic goals. They are not anything that can't be done."



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Sailing club members Jarrell Price '04, Chris Acheson '02, Stacey Stump '02, Will Furman '04, Ben Auerbach '05, and Julie Smith '04, at the Cornell Regatta last week. They placed 8th out of 10 in the competition.

As a club sport the team also gets money from the athletics department, but they used this and last year's budgets to buy their current boat. A used Flying Junior, the type of boat the team uses, costs around $1400.

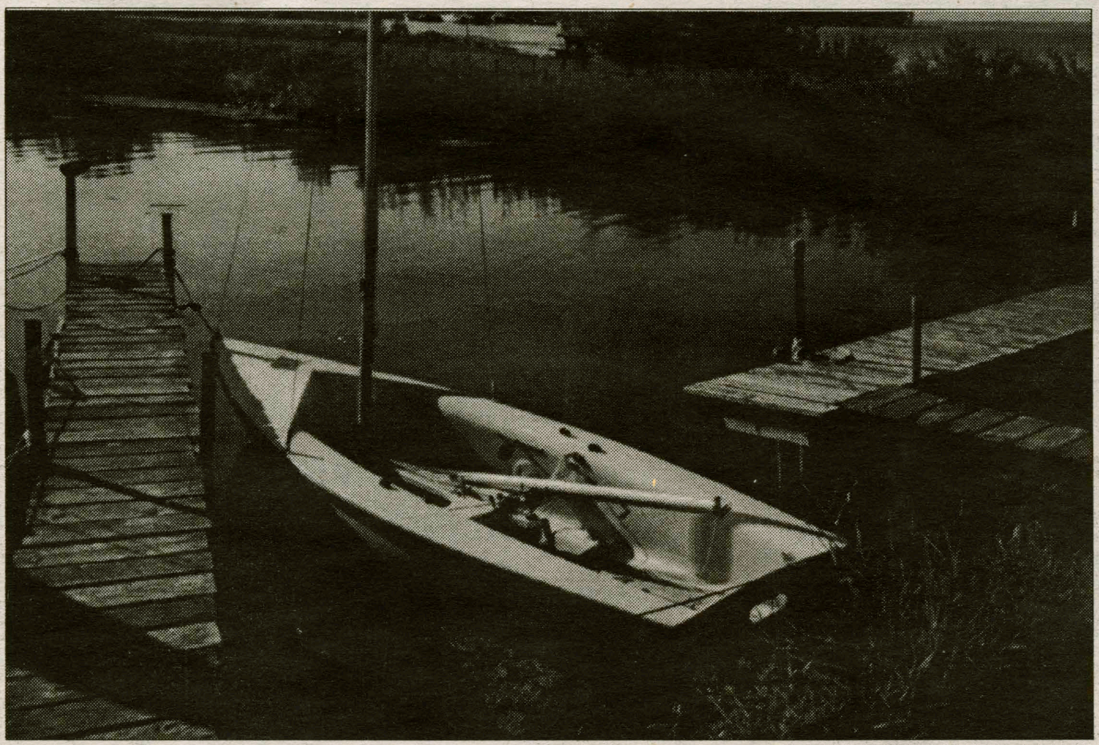
Smith wants to inform the community that if funding became available tommorow, boats could be purchased from Hobart Williams-Smith. "they have a few boats they are willing to sell to us and would be willing to negotiate with us. Boats are not available all the time. They understand we are a new club that is trying to get started." Another reason Smith advocates immediate funding is that the owner of Oneida Marina, where the team practices, is willing to build docks for the team. She commented "he wants to see new blood in his marina."

In the meantime they are getting by on corporate sponsorship; two sailing product companies have made small contributions. In order to buy a fleet, the team plans on asking alumni for donations. Other club teams, like Cornell's, are financed mainly by alumni. "There's nothing more important that we could be doing now than asking alumni for money," said Price.

There is disagreement about the future of the team and the likelihood of getting a fleet. While some students hope to get enough donations for a few boats, others are not so optimistic. "We'll need patience," said Bedient. "I don't think we'll start to get a large budget until the team has been around for a while. In the meantime we'll hope for at least one boat." Otherwise, he says, it will be impossible for the team to have effective practices.

Smith, however, is optimistic about the prospect of receiving the money because of her confidence that the team's abilities and enthusiasm will be recognized by alumni and philanthropic community members upon observing their activities. Smith said "it is an initial investment that the school needs to take seriously. It is a full-time job keeping up with the communication about interest in the club. I am constantly getting emails from people who want to either learn the basics or take their experiences of racing to the next level. The potential is there for us to do really well against Division I schools. Many people here are passionate about sailing. Prospective students are passionate too. We need sufficient funding. Kids will be commited if we have a fleet of boats." Smith cites Amherst College as a model for overcoming the challenges of developing a successful athletic organization.

In the near future the team will practice with Colgate, using their fleet, in preparation for a regatta they are hosting this weekend. The Regatta will be held at Willow Bank Yaacht Club on Lake Cazenovia. Several club members will be participating in the races. Smith says "we encourage students and parents to come. It is our geographicaly closest race of the whole year. Come see the enthusiasm and potential that lies in our Hamilton team."



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Pictured here is the Hamilton Express, which is the club's sole intercollegiate racing boat. After using this and last year's club sport budget to buy this boat, the sailing club now seeks necessary funds for safe and competitive racing equipement.

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Hero of the Week: RA Maurice I. Michaane risks life and limb to save North residents

by Lauren Reynolds '02
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

The "Hero of the Week" column is a sporadically written piece highlighting the daring, dangerous, and heroic acts of a member of the Hamilton community. This week marks the debut of the column, and who better to kick it off than our own Maurice "Sweet Chuck" Michaane. Michaane risked life, lung, and limb when he entered a smoke filled residence hall two weeks ago.

Maurice I. Michaane '03, better known to the Hamilton Community simply as "Mo," is arguably one of the most involved students on the campus. As president of the junior class, head of the Food Committee, and chair of the Media Board, Mo has bombarded students' email accounts for the past three years, and brought events such as late night snacks and everyone's favorite, Roller Night. Few can forget his candid performance in the ever-popular WAG video.

> ***"A pocket of air rushed fumes into my face. Immediately, I saw there was a lot of smoke, and I assumed it was a fire. The white smoke substance was consuming the air."***

There is also a side of Mo that few know. Few have seen the side that loves country music and the Star Wars "thrillogy;" or have seen him get down like a white guy on Soul Train. "I love to party," exclaimed Mo. "Bring back North Court!"

However, it is Mo's role as an RA that has brought him into the spotlight once again. On the night of September 29th, Michaane was casually walking back from a trip to the Diner and looking forward to watching NYC Mayor Rudy Guliani's opening speech on Saturday Night Live. As Mo unsupectedly opened the door to North dorm, he was hit with a rush of fumes that were later determined to be discharge from a fire extinguisher.

"A pocket of air rushed fumes into my face," recalled Michaane. "Immediately, I saw there was a lot of smoke, and I assumed it was a fire. The white smoke substance was consuming the air."

Michaane, deciding against better judgment, ran into the smoke filled dorm in an effort to assess the situation, and help the residents of the dorm. He fought through the blinding clouds of smoke pouring through the halls, and made it to the second floor. Lying on the floor in front of him was the fire extinguisher in question.

However, the chemical fumes had already taken a toll on young Michaane's lungs, and the junior was beginning to cough and was having trouble breathing. "I literally choked on my lungs," said Michaane.

Though he could hardly see or breathe, Mo began knocking on residents' doors in an effort to make sure everyone was out of the building safely. Helped by fellow North RA Justin Ginsberg '04, the duo was able to get everyone out of the dorm safely and moved to the quad outside of the dorm.

Michaane described the emotional state of the residents as one of "fear and panic," explaining that most of the students had mistaken the smoke for that of a fire. Campus Safety arrived at the scene moments later and were able to continue the work Michaane and Ginsberg had already begun.

Mo's heroics came with a price, however; the time spent in the smoke filled residence hall affected his lungs and heart. Michaane was taken by ambulance to nearby Faxton Hospital, where he was treated for smoke inhalation and a rise in blood pressure. He was put on an oxygen tank before being released a few hours later.

In the aftermath of this event, Michaane said that the residents of North are happy that Campus Safety was able to determine the persons responsible for wreaking havoc on the dorm. "Everyone is still a bit edgy and angry that non-residents acted so irresponsibly and endangered people's lives," commented Michaane.

Mo adds that he believes people must take more responsibility for their actions, stating, "We could have all of the town meetings and emails in the world, but it is incumbent on our generation to be responsible to make sure these acts don't happen."

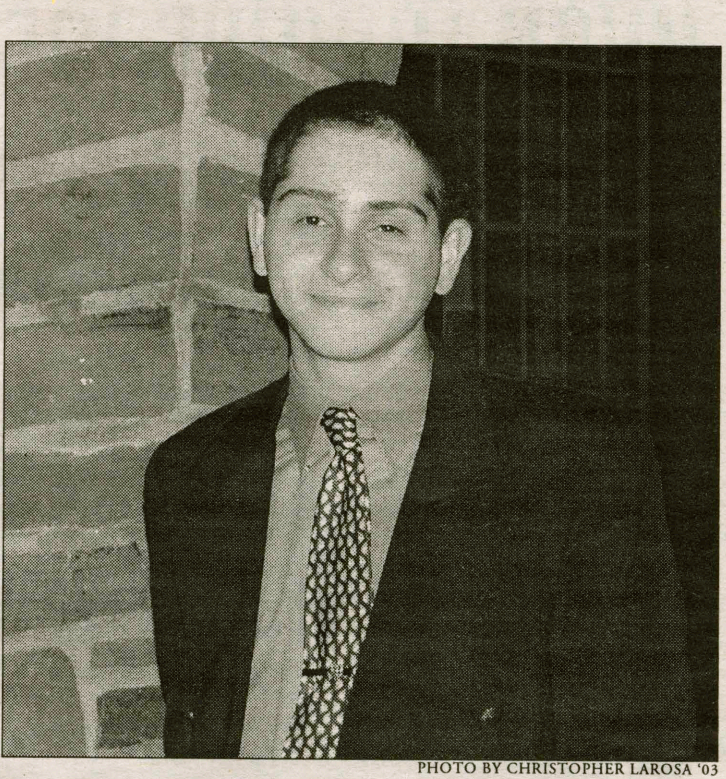
"This is our community, and we have to stand up and take responsibility for ourselves," he added.

Michaane's near death experience has not made him rethink his role as an RA. When asked what he was most proud of, Mo answered confidently, "Becoming an RA and being able to help out first years to have the same great first year experience I did."

"As an RA, we're told not to confront dangerous situations the way I did," Michaane explained. "But the one thing I learned while becoming an Eagle Scout was to 'help others at all times.' And so, regardless of being an RA or not, I would have done the exact same thing."

In his next two years on campus, Michaane would like to see more student involvement in making the community "the place we want it to be." After graduation, Mo says he would like to work as a criminal defense attorney or in the DA's office, adding, "I want to prosecute bad people."

Mo's infamous last words? "Peace, love, and party on."



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After saving the day, Maurice I. Michaane '03 basks in the glory of his heroic effort. Super-Mo will continue to fight evil and aid victims of 'fire' and liberal government.

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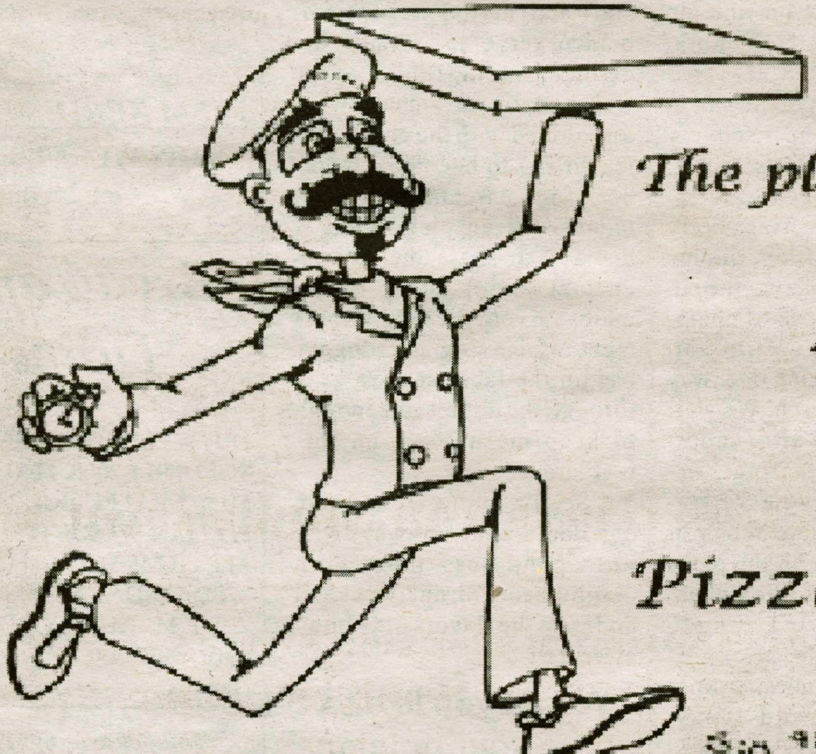

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Arts & Entertainment

Zoolander Is Not What You'd Expect

Whit Rothe '05 takes his chances at the theater. Here is the result:

Derek Zoolander (Ben Stiller), male model, is depressed. He not only just lost the VH1 fashion award for Best Male Model to his rival Hansel (Owen Wilson), but also became the laughingstock of the American media by going up on stage, thinking he had won, and accepting the award. He is finally starting to realize that "maybe there is more to life than being really, really, really good looking." However, instead of continuing with Derek's eventual conversion from a self-indulged, dim-witted egomaniac to the caring, generous head of the "Derek Zoolander Center for Kids Who Can't Read Good and Who Wanna Learn to Do Other Stuff Good Too," the film offers a solution to Derek's problem in the form of his fellow dim-witted model friends, who suggest that he just drink an Orange Mocha Frappucino, and all of his problems will disappear. Then the film shifts to the four models indulging in their coffees and their perfect world while listening, dancing, and smiling to Wham!'s "Wake Me Up Before You Go-Go." What ensues is quite possibly the film's funniest gag, which I will not spoil, but I will say this: Have you ever taken part in a gasoline fight? Neither have I. You can use your imagination to think about the eventual outcome. Afterwards, we are immediately thrown right back into Zoolander's dilemma.

Over Fall Break, my best friend took me to see Zoolander with him, and to say the least, I was not looking forward to it. I had seen the commercials, and it looked like more Hollywood junk. I was completely wrong. I fell out of my chair numerous times, and my stomach was killing me after the lights had gone up. The movie revolves around a weak plot involving the assassination of the prime minister of Malaysia. The heads of the fashion world object to the rising minimum wage in clothing sweatshops, so they ask a fashion designer, Mugatu (Will Ferrell), to take care of the problem. Apparently, the fashion industry has been behind every assassination plot for the past few centuries, and every killer has been a male model. But who would be stupid enough to be brainwashed to doing this vile act? Enter Derek Zoolander (Ben Stiller) in his fragile emotional state as Mugatu's prize trainee. There is also a weak love story involving Derek and Matilda (Christine Taylor, Stiller's real wife), a *Time Magazine* reporter. The end is predictable: Zoolander foils the plot, reconciles with Hansel, bags Matilda, and solves his personal dilemma.

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Ben Stiller stars as supermodel Derek Zoolander in his latest comedy, *Zoolander*.

Now, why would anyone want to see a movie with a weak plot? The answer is that the plot is irrelevant to the comedic success of the movie; it is just a vehicle for gags and jokes. The key to enjoying *Zoolander* is to have fun with it. I don't think that Stiller, who also directed, produced, and co-wrote the film, was shooting for an Oscar. If you are expecting smart dialogue with intelligent jokes, you will absolutely hate this movie. *Zoolander* thrives on cheap laughs, gags, parodies, and improvisation, which is usually a very dangerous formula for a movie to follow because either it hits or misses. The key is timing and creative casting, and *Zoolander* hits both of those right on. Along with Stiller, Wilson, and Ferrell, there is a parade of cameos including: Jon Voight, Vince Vaughn, David Duchovny, Fabio, and many more. However, the most rewarding is the inclusion of Ben Stiller's real-life father Jerry (Frank Costanza on *Seinfeld*) as Maury Ballstein, Derek's agent. To see the two Stillers play off each other was absolutely hilarious.

The bottom line: I left the theater having been entertained for 90 minutes, which I have always felt has been my gauge for whether a movie has succeeded. *Zoolander* is not high art, but it doesn't try to be. It is like the Orange Mocha Frappucino: it offeras a temporary diversion from our problems and worries, if only for a short time.

Dining Out!

Alison Harding '05 travels off campus in search of fine cuisine

It's 6:10 pm and the shop owners have effectively rolled up the carpets. A brisk stroll down the hill leads my roommate and I into what me, a small-town girl, mind you, would blush to label "town." Upon our arrival in the desolate square of somewhat developed land, Kat and I assess the area briefly. We quickly acknowledge that this "town" clearly cannot satiate our hunger for civilization. Knowing this, we do as all girls do and figure we might as well fill our bellies. We survey our options: questionable Chinese takeout, pizza, Subway, or the Alexander Hamilton Inn. The last of these eateries appears most appealing.

From the front the inn casts an elegant shadow on the road. Its austere beauty forces me to hesitate. I have a feeling that our all-too-casual jean and sweater apparel will not be well received here. Pushing aside my doubts, Kat drags me down to "The Pub" at O'Connor's Alexander Hamilton Inn. A friendly waitress (or is the politically correct term now "server?" Sounds a bit too close to "servant" for my comfort, but as you please) greets us with a cheerful voice and a menu to peruse. My own smile is bright with relief as I take notice of the wide selection of reasonably priced meals. Kat and I eagerly request a table. The Monday evening crowd is sparse. Khakis and jeans alike are acceptable dress for the informal bar setting downstairs. Soft rock, the music of no one, so by default, everyone, buzzes under quiet conversations. The room has a warm, festive décor.

And then we feast like kings. The waitress provides jovial, attentive service. After a period of careful contemplation, Kat and I both select the "chicken riggies." Water – clean water, tasty water, water with a lemon peel – is immediately brought to us.

Before I continue my description of this heavenly eating experience, I would like to clarify something important. I like Commons food. The dining halls pamper us so much more than anyone is willing to admit. I am constantly amazed by the variety with which we are presented, especially when I recall my parents' horror stories involving eating only soft serve ice cream for four years. I do, however, have a bone to pick with the water from the tap here, in Clinton, New York. But I digress.

Furthering my enjoyment of the meal was the discovery that a salad and rolls are included in the price of my entree. Fancy lettuce, ripe cherry tomatoes, and other choice veggies slide down my throat, twirled in a cascade of champagne vinaigrette. Warm, soft rolls follow, making thier way down to my stomach. We welcome our entrees after enduring such savory teasing.

"Chicken riggies" consists of large, wide tubes of ziti. Thrown in with the pasta are tender chunks of chicken, sweet sun –dried tomato mush, delectable slices of sugar-coated onions and timid green peppers, and tangy, black olives. Parmesan cheeses sticks to the top of the bowl, which holds a hefty portion. I might add.

This meal alone provided my roommate and me with more excitement than the whole of Clinton had to offer. Writing about the experience now compels me to return immediately to the inexpensive gourmet haven.

The courteous, attentive staff and subtle, elegant ambiance serve to increase my desire to return. I think of the wrapped tic tacs that were distributed with the check. After failing to become a member of my parents' highly esteemed "clean plate club," I decided to share the experience with my other roommates. Even the embarrassment of leaving my doggy-bag on the table and walking through the door is not enough to keep me away from this restaurant.

So, since it's all on mom and dad's dime anyway, why not spend less money on crappy beer for one weekend and taste the flavors of Clinton after dark?

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Artsy Fartsy

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Jess Bloom ’02 is this week’s Artsy Fartsy! She is currently working on her senior project in photo, which is based on women’s fashion photography of the ‘30s and ‘40s. She hopes to recreate the look and investigate how the body, beauty, and fashion are handled visually as well as study the social implications. She is also the TA for the intro classes and is working on her senior project in Econ.

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Alternative Weekend 1

Bored? Whit Rothe '05 can help

If you are complaining about nothing to do this weekend, check out *Best in Show*.

Directed by Christopher Guest (*Waiting for Guffman*) and co-written by Guest and Eugene Levy (*American Pie*), *Best in Show* is a hilarious look at the world of dog shows. Perhaps the most overlooked film of last year, the film is about five show dogs, their owners and handlers, and the quest to win Best in Show at the Mayflower Kennel Club Dog Show in Philadelphia.

The funniest part of *Best in Show* is the smart dialogue and the memorable characters. Cookie Guggelman Fleck (Catherine O’Hara) and Gerry Fleck (Levy) own the Norwich terrier, Winky.

Cookie keeps running into all the people she has ever had sex with on the trip, and Gerry has two left feet, literally. Hamilton (Michael Hitchcock) and Meg Swan (Parker Posey) are the anxious owners of the Weimaraner, Beatrice. They are both obsessed with shopping out of catalogs, and they fight and scream constantly about their dog. Harlan Pepper (Guest) is the owner of the Bloodhound, Hubert. He owns a fly-fishing tore and is an aspiring ventriloquist. Scott Donlan (John Michael Higgins) and his partner Stefan Vanderhoof (Michael McKean) own the Shih Tzu, Miss Agnes. They both feel that this is the year for their triumphant win and talk to their other Shih Tzu, who’s at home, on the phone. And finally there is Leslie Ward Cabot (Patrick Cranshaw) and his much younger wife, Sherri Ann Cabot (Jennifer Coolidge, better known as Stifler’s Mom), are the owners of the two-time champion Standard Poodle, Rhapsody In White. Sherri Ann spends Leslie’s money freely while having an affair with their handler ,Christy Cummings (Jane Lynch). However, it is Fred Willard as the TV announcer Buck Laughlin who steals the show in this movie. His commentary during the Kennel Show is absolutely hysterical.

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Need a way to liven up your weekend? Try poodle grooming.

The Bottom Line: Great performances and great writing make *Best in Show* worth your time over the weekend.

Music Notebook

by Michael O’Leary '04

It is funny how some motion pictures will be forever defined by their soundtracks. Whether it is because the movies really aren’t good enough to be defined by anything but the music in them, or because the soundtrack is integrated into the movie in such a way that the film would be empty without the music in it, the soundtrack can often make or break the film. Here are some examples of this writer’s opinion of the best movie soundtracks in recent history.

1. The Million Dollar Hotel (2000)- Don’t let the fact that nobody saw this movie scare you away from its best part the soundtrack. Compiled by U2’s Bono, the soundtrack is a diverse and emotional addition to the movie’s story, which Bono helped to write. The soundtrack features three new songs by *U2*, the best of which features Daniel Lanois, who is perhaps best known for the solid *Sling Blade* soundtrack. Bono also joins the *Million Dollar Band*, in which he is joined by Daniel Lanios, Bill Frisell, and Brian Eno. Notable tracks include the ballad “The Wind Beneath Her Feet” by *U2* and a very interesting Spanish version of the *Sex Pistols* “Anarchy in the UK” called “Anarchy in the USA,” which is performed by Tito Larriva and the *Million Dollar Band*. This album was Bono’s most able way to contribute to the film. It is contemplative, emotional, and damn near flawless.

2. Singles (1992)- When this soundtrack came out in 1992, it not only was an important part of the film, but also served to define the “Seattle grunge” era of the early 90s, when bands decided to leave the gaudy over-produced hair-band style and let their music speak for them. This excellent collection features grunge alums *Alice In Chains*, *Pearl Jam*, *Smashing Pumpkins*, *Screaming Trees*, *Mudhoney*, and *Soundgarden*, along with two great tracks from former *Replacements* front man Paul Westerberg. Check out the *Smashing Pumpkins* “Drown” and Chris Cornell’s “Seasons.”

3. O Brother Where Art Thou (2000)- Anyone who has seen this excellent Coen brothers spin–off of Homer’s *Odyssey* knows that it is as much a celebration of bluegrass music and the culture surrounding it as it is an actual story. The Coens use this incredible collection of music like they use bowling in *The Big Lewbowski* or atmosphere in the cold Midwestern town of Fargo: the culture behind the subject matter is the real star of the movie. The soundtrack features many collaborations of modern bluegrass’ best, including Allison Krauss, Emmy Lou Harris, and the *Soggy Bottom Boys*. Also making notable appearances are Tim Bake Nelson and blues artist Chris Thomas King, who also star in the film.

4. Magnolia (1999)- Aimee Mann’s melancholy style and gravelly voice is the perfect addition to this excellent film by Paul Thomas Anderson. Anderson especially chose Mann to do most of the soundtrack, and he uses her songs to help with the plot of the story, even going so far as to have the stars sing along to the full version of Mann’s “Wise Up” mid way through the movie, which is an unusual and unforgettable turning point in the film. The soundtrack is as unusual, sad, and intelligent as the film itself, ranging from Mann’s cover of *Three Dog Night*’s “One” to original tracks like “Save Me” to later tracks by *Supertramp*.

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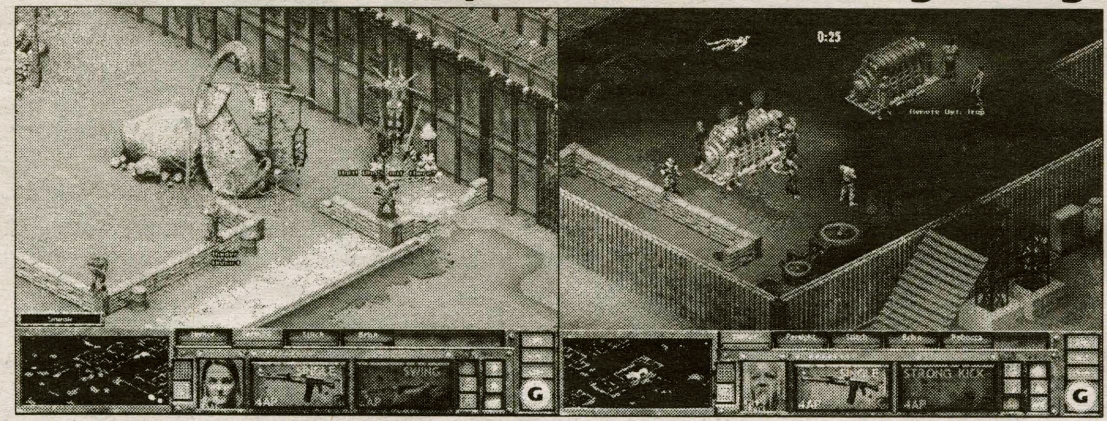
Gaming Corner

Mithat Yaltir '03 spreads his love of gaming



Fallout Tactics: Brotherhood of Steel, released on March 15th , 2001 by *14 Degrees East*, is a role-playing game that takes place in the wastelands of the post-nuclear war United States. The gamers create a character by choosing from a variety of skills, which include combat and non-combat skills. The character then joins the rank of Brotherhood of Steel, the most technologically advanced group in the wastelands, and ventures into adventure.

Developer *Micro Forté* puts together a creative combat system, which combines real-time and turn-based strategy elements. Gamers can choose between playing real-time or turn-based any time during the game. This combat system adds flavor and gives the gamers a break when controlling multiple characters.

Another cool feature of *Fallout Tactics* is the ability to control multiple characters. Although the gamer assumes the role of only one character, during the game the gamer controls more characters. As a matter of fact, one can include up to six members in his squad. As a result of this limitation, gamers are expected to create a squad with members specializing in different areas.

Characters have a variety of skills that affect their role in the game. While some characters are computer experts, others know how to handle computers. Doctors, barters, drivers, and even gamblers are included in the game. It is up to the gamer to decide in which areas the character is going to specialize. Should the gamer like fireworks, he can specialize in firearms, or he can get the job done quietly by sneaking around and engaging in unarmed combat. Talking and negotiating rarely works, but why not give it a try?

One feature that can annoy the gamers is the fact that skill levels do not necessarily reflect ability. In other words, the character can be fully specialized in marksmanship, but that it doesn't mean that every shot is going to hit the target, even at short distances. A character with a high unarmed skill level can sneak behind the enemy and hit, but it is not guaranteed that this will finish up the job.

The second flaw is that although there are prerecorded speeches in the game, like mission briefings or speeches from important non-player characters (NPC), the rest of the game has no dialogues between the characters.

The third flaw is the random encounters. These are randomly generated combat situations created by the computer. They can be extremely annoying because they increase the length of the game. Also, if gamers are wandering around to figure out what to do next, these encounters can drive them crazy.

Bottom Line: Creative work by *Micro Forté*. Check out the unique combat system included in the game.

Top-selling PC games for the week of September 30-October 6, 2001:

1) Pool of Radiance: Ruins of Myth Drannor / Ubi Soft
2) The Sims / Electronic Arts
3) Diablo II: Lord of Destruction / Vivendi Universal
4) Roller Coaster Tycoon / Infogrames
5) Operation Flashpoint / Codemasters
6) The Sims: House Party / Electronic Arts
7) The Sims: Livin' Large / Electronic Arts
8) Commandos 2: Men of Courage / Eidos
9) Diablo Battle Chest / Vivendi Universal
10) Diablo II / Vivendi Universal

NASCAR Racing 4 upgrade released

Sierra Studios has released a downloadable upgrade for its latest car racing game, NASCAR Racing 4. The upgrade improves certain elements of the game including the artificial intelligence (AI).

Deadly Dozen nears gold

Infogrames' upcoming World War II shooter has reached gold candidate stage. New screenshots were also released.

Command & Conquer Yuri's Revenge released

The add-on to Westwood's Red Alert 2 has been released and arrived in stores on October 9th, 2001.

Looking for Something to Do with Your Parents?

The A&E editors have a few suggestions for this Parents' Weekend

Munson Williams Proctor Arts Institute Young Artists Series Opens with Piano Virtuoso

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Extraordinary American pianist Orion Weiss opens this season's Munson-Williams Proctor Arts Institute Young Artists Series with a recital at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, October 21 in the Museum of Art Auditorium. Weiss will present a pre-concert talk at 1:30p.m. and a reception will follow the recital.

Weiss is the 1999 recipient of the prestigious Gilmore Young Artists award and has won numerous prizes. He is considered a brilliant musical technician with great maturity and depth, and he has performed with the Baltimore Symphony and traveled to Israel to perform with the Perlman Music Program.

General admission prices are $10 adults and 5$ students.

If your parents are planning on staying through Sunday, this is an amazing show to wrap up their weekend.

For more information call the Performing Arts Ticket Office, 797-0055 or 1-800-754-0797.

"The Regurgitator" Stevie Starr to Visit Hamilton for Parent's Weekend

A Scottish voice says "Good Evening"; the crowd buzzes with eager anticipation; the young man holds up a light bulb, pops it into his mouth, and swallows it. The stunned silence erupts into deafening applause. It is the beginning of the most astonishing act you will ever see.

A bizarre phenomenon to the world of showbiz, this ginger–haired, slightly built, 34 year–old baffles his audience by swallowing a variety of items and then bringing them up again, not only dry and clean, but.....TO ORDER!!

Whether it be large coins, Rubic's cubes, ladies' rings, or live goldfish, Stevie never fails to return them without injury to himself or the objects (even fish)!

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The idea may seem unbelievable, but after Stevie has smoked a cigarette without exhaling any smoke and then injested and returned a billiard ball, all doubts give way to wonder, excitement, and applause from an audience that cannot believe their eyes.

"Just tell me when you'd like some smoke," says Stevie. "Would you like all or half of it? Or how about putting it in a soap bubble?"

Among the other amazing stunts Stevie performs is swallowing a fullbowl of dry sugar followed by a glass or two of water and then bringing the sugar back bone dry. Or how about swallowing a gentleman's ring followed by a locked padlock and the key and returning them with the ring locked inside the padlock!

You and your folks can catch the amazing phenomenon that is "The Regurgitator" this Saturday at eight p.m. in the Annex. For more information email the Campus Activities Board at cab@hamilton.edu.

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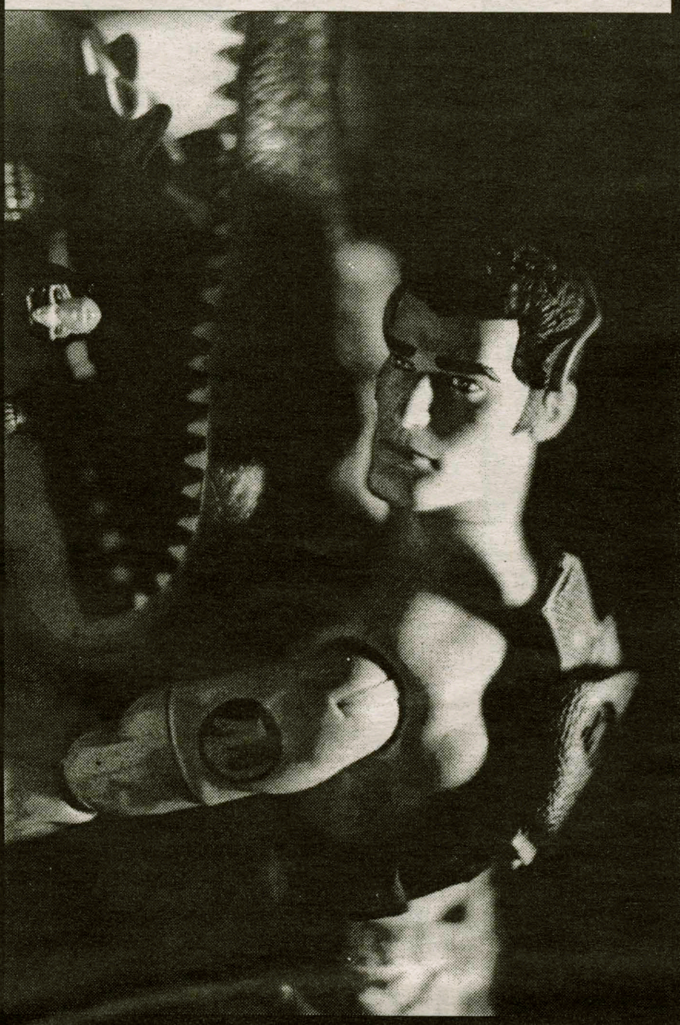

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Music Notebook

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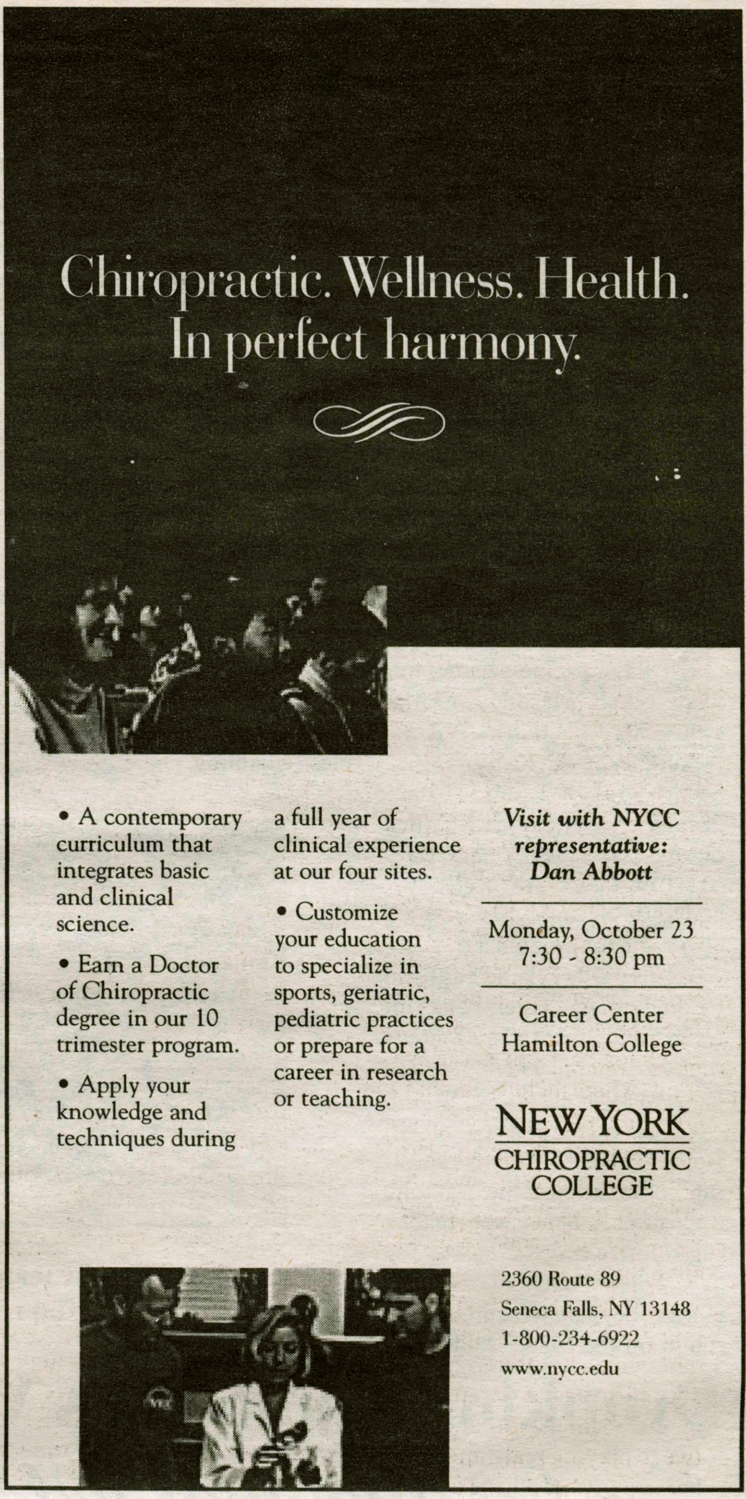
5. Swingers (1996)- This unusual movie, which combines the swinger Vegas lifestyle with the problems facing the everyday lovesick guy, provides an even more unusual soundtrack, ranging from *Big Bad Voodoo Daddy*'s swing music, to old Tony Bennett standards to salsa, classic R&B, even country. Fortunately, the soundtrack works much better than the movie, and the result is a soundtrack so diverse, yet somehow true to the swinger's theme, that the disappointing film doesn't seem worthy.

6. Judgment Night (1993)- This could be the most intense album you have ever heard. This high-octane mix combines the one-two combo of rap and metal groups forming one of the most unforgettably aggressive albums that literally paved the way for groups like *Korn* before they even existed. Check out tracks by *Helmet* and H*ouse of Pain*, *Teenage Fan Club* and *De La Soul*, and the incredible "I Love Mary Jane" by *Sonic Youth* and *Cypress Hill*. This album is perfect for anybody who is pissed off or needs a kick in the face to get pumped up for something. Make sure to check out this mixture of rap with metal, grunge, indie, and progressive music.



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Presidential Coalition on Alcohol & Other Drugs

Women's Rugby remains undefeated

by Women's Rugby Team
SPORTS WRITERS

During the last weekend in September, the Hamilton Women's Rugby team improved their record with a win over Buffalo State, continuing their winning streak with a 40-0 shutout.

It was a packie's game; forwards Sarah "Mase-Dawg" Mason '02, Alison "Ack" Ackerknecht '02, Katryna "Pip" Swartwout '02, and Lindy "Linda" Roath '02 each tallied one try. Backs Becky "BK" Karb '02, Courtney "CK" Kelly '02, and Katie "Naughty" Beaver '03 also each contributed a try.

This past weekend, the team trekked to the outer banks of New York State for a 48 hours rugby marathon. Their first challenge was waking up at 5:30 AM.

The team arrived at St. Bonnaventure University expecting some wholesome Catholic opposition, but they were in for a big surprise.

"For a bunch of religious chicks, they sure were pretty darn rough on the field," said Sarah "Snowpants" Doane '03.

It was an aggressive game, and the Bonnies proved to be the Hammies toughest opponents this season. At the end of the first half the Hammies were down 10-0.

Fortunately, the team's captains stepped up to the challenge. Pack captain Ackerknecht lead the Hammies by scoring two tries and tied the game with two minutes remaining.

Back captain Karb secured the win with her two-point conversion kick. With a final score of 12-10, the Hammies walked off the field having pulled off their closest win yet.

Katie McLaughlin '05 added profound insight into the victory when she said, "They were good. But we beat them."

After a long day filled with bruises and car exhaust, the women reached their final destination-Fredonia University. Sunday's game took place during a windstorm despite the lack of a referee and uprights.

The ruggers started the game with aggressive tackles that led to a try scored by Karb early in the first half. Fredonia weaseled their way into a lone try, assisted by a biased ref, who ironically happened to be a male Fredonia rugger.

Mason added, "He smelled bad, too."

Ackerknecht and Mason each drove in a try to make a final score of 19-7. Other key contributors were Gill Chapman '04, Laura Crandall '04, Emily Grim '05, and Marti Jackson '03.

The game ended five minutes early when three Fredonia ruggers were taken to the hospital on backboards. Despite the carnage, pack captain Ackerknecht was very impressed with the team's performance.

"Our rookies really stepped up and showed no fear in facing tough opposition," she said. "The rookies and vets worked together to ensure the victory."

With one regular season game to go, the Exiles hold an undefeated record, securing their place in the New York State Tournament held in the booming metropolis of Batavia, NY at the end of the month.

This weekend's game takes place at 11 AM on the IM field against Oswego State. Bring your parents and a cooler.

PHOTO BY PAUL GARAFFO '05

The women's rugby team fights for posession of the ball in their recent shutout against Buffalo State, 40-0. The women play at home this weekend.

Dropkin-Frank leads Women's Soccer's charge to qualify

Continentals defeat Middlebury and Clarkson

by Charles Spiliotis '03
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Facing the possibility of not qualifying for the state tournament for the first time in four years, the Lady Continentals have won two of their last three to even their record at 6-6.

"Going into the Middlebury game, I think it kind of hit the players that we just weren't playing the soccer that we are capable of," said coach Melissa Eging. "We've realized that unless we turn it on, we're not going to make the tournament.

Anticipating its matchup with Middlebury, Hamilton knew it would need to stay focused in order to knock off a very strong program which always finds itself in the top ten in the region.

A team built around speed, Middlebury came out and tried to create opportunities early, but the Hamilton defense would have none of that.

Instead, it was Hamilton that came out and scored first, putting all the pressure on the home team.

Amanda Siepiola '02 notched her second of the year, as Hamilton took control and never looked back.

"It was certainly the best our defense played all year, and probably the best we played as a team all year as well. We just looked determined, not scared at all," said Eging.

Rookie sensation Mara Dropkin-Frank '05 scored the insurance marker in the second half, as Hamilton came away with its big win.

In its final home weekend, the Conts faced off against two conference foes in Clarkson and St. Lawrence, with the latter being clearly the tougher game.

The Clarkson game was what Eging called a "confidence game," one which the Conts felt they should win.

With that looming in the backs of their minds, the Lady Conts came out and took care of business.

The Conts jumped out to a 1-0 lead at the 14:34 mark, when a shot by Anna Arnold '04 was rebounded and finished by Dropkin-Frank.

The Hamilton attack did not let up after that, as Dropkin-Frank scored her second of the contest just eight minutes later on a breakaway.

The defense held tough again, and sophomore Jen Munoz's five saves were enough to preserve the shutout, 2-0.

On the following day, again on Love Field, Hamilton tried to make it a weekend conference sweep with a tough St. Lawrence team in town.

The first half saw St. Lawrence come out and control the time of possession, but Hamilton's defense again stood tough.

St. Lawrence's Anne Hawley scored the game's first goal on a very nice boot from the left side of the box, but Hamilton wouldn't go away.

The Conts answered, again in the form of a Dropkin-Frank goal, her team-leading sixth of the year, with just over 11 minutes remaining in the half.

"We both had chances in the first," said Eging. "And I think we played pretty well. Unfortunately, you have to string together 90 minutes to win."

St. Lawrence came out of the gates very strong in the second half, putting heavy pressure on the already well-tested Hamilton defense.

Munoz did her best to knock down the nine second-half Saint shots, but it was inevitable.

St. Lawrence forward Liz Masterson finally managed to beat Munoz off a fake at the 78th minute.

Despite a late charge, the Continental offense just couldn't pull off the miracle, and the game ended with a 2-1 final.

Eging added, "In the second half, our lack of depth was apparent. We've lost four players to injury, and St. Lawrence was fresh throughout. They put a ton of pressure on us, and finally broke through. It was very disappointing, because we played a good first half, but it wasn't enough."

Now with a 6-6 record, Hamilton must do its best to win its final two games and hope for a tournament spot when they are announced on Sunday.

Last night the Lady Conts faced off against Utica College, and must travel to Oswego to play a very physical SUNY-Oswego team on Saturday.

With two wins, the Conts still could be left out, but they surely will be keeping their fingers crossed come Sunday.

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Forward Amanda Siepiola(#5) avoids a pair of defenders.

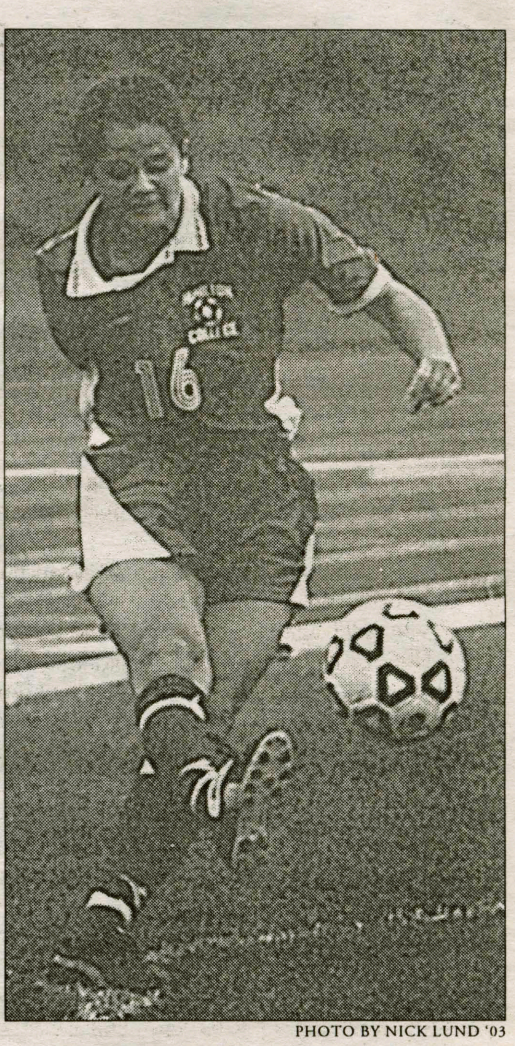

PHOTO BY NICK LUND '03

Jess Elliot (#16) moves the ball upfield during a recent contest.

Strong Start to Crew's Season

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scheduled time, the Lightweights were unfortunately disqualified.

Even so, they rowed well once the boat was repaired.

The Women's Heavyweight Eight rowed last, led by stroke Liz Lamdin '03 and coxswain Sarah Edeiken '03 came in 24th out of 28.

Concerning the total results, Gilbert commented, "[I am] pleased with the Women's Varsity Four's results, [but] the rest of the boats suffered from lack of racing yet this fall; most other crews have two to three [races] under their belts. Between having the Head of the Erie cancelled and fall break taking away a race weekend, we will be on a path to make much bigger performance gains at the end of the season than other crews."

Gilbert expects huge improvements between this past weekend's rocky start at Stonehurst and the next race, the Head of the Charles.

The Varsity will be participating in the Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston this weekend, October 20 - 21, a race which is one of the major highlights of the team's season. The men will be racing in a Four, with Hall as stroke and Anderson as coxswain.

Gilbert said of this strong boat, "[The] Men's Club Four will have fun working their way through the pack, as they start near the end of the event; barring traffic, they should pass three-plus boats and place in the middle of the 71 boat field. This is a young boat and we hope that the experience of racing in one of the world's biggest regattas will give them an excitement that will carry them through the long winter of training."

A Women's Eight, led by stroke Kate McMullen '02 and coxswain Mimi Barrett '02 will also be racing in this exciting athletic contest.

"Starting 16th will put them in the thick of it," said Gilbert, "and my hope is that we will gain speed all week [during practice], topping out on race day for a minimum of top 30 and maybe sneak into the top 20; if we get within five percent of the winning time we will be guaranteed an entry in this event next year and this is a legitimate possibility if conditions are good."

Clearly, the Charles will be extremely challenging for the Varsity boats, but they are optimistic and are looking forward to the competition.

The team's racing season is obviously off to an exciting start, and hopes are high for the upcoming regattas.

Men's Cross Country looks forward to NESCAC Champoinships at Bowdoin

by Paul Kibbe '05
SPORTS WRITER

Last weekend the men's cross-country team finished ninth out of 20 teams in the Albany Invitational held at the State University of Albany.

Despite the seemingly mediocre finish, the Hamilton men had to be satisfied.

The field in which they ran included ten Division I schools, three Division II schools, four Division III schools and three Junior Colleges.

The home team, Albany State, won the race and Hamilton finished third of all the Division II schools behind NYU and RPI.

"I can't say we had our best race of the year," said Coach Hull. "We ran alright but we could have done better. We are looking good for the [NESCAC] championship meet because of running against the good competition, though."

Chris Dunn '05 led the Continentals, finishing 35th in a time of 27:31.71.

"Chris ran a consistent race right from the start. He worked the middle miles very hard and that's what we have been trying to do."

Mac Weiss '02 ran the 8,000 meter course in a time of 27:48.98 placing him 43rd.

The next Continental to come in was Ryan Murelli '02 who finished 63rd with a time of 28:07.10.

John Damaske came in right behind Murelli, finishing 66th with a time of 28:08.89.

Ben Hedrick '05 also ran a good race, finishing 91st in a time of 28:40.92.

The Continentals now have a week off to rest and prepare for the NESCAC championship meet at Bowdoin College on October 27th.

In the meet they will run against all other schools in the NESCAC conference.

The only team from the conference that the Continentals have run against this year is Williams.

There are four teams from the NESCAC conference that are nationally ranked, including fourth ranked Tufts University, eighth ranked Bowdoin College, 20th ranked Trinity College and 21st Williams College.

"The competition is very strong in the NESCAC," said Hull, "last year at the championships [NESCAC] we finished fifth and if we can run the same type of race this year, we should be very successful. We have a week off before the race and the extra rest days should be very helpful. We can rest on certain days instead of having to do our up tempo workouts everyday like we have to do before our races."

The team has not run on the Bowdoin course this year so that will make the race a little tougher.

Hull said, "It's a flat course but I am not sure how fast of a course it is. All we need to do though is continue to work hard and prepare mentally and physically and we will be fine."

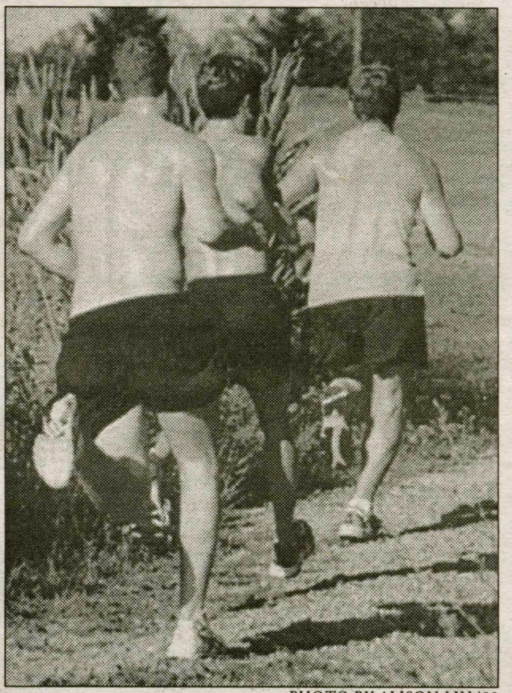


PHOTO BY ALISON LIN '03

Cross country team gets a tan while practicing for an upcoming meet. Hit the weight room folks.

Rookies and Veterans combine to lead Continental Volleyball

by Zach Kubin '05
SPORTS WRITER

The women's volleyball team was in action this weekend at a NESCAC Quad hosted by Wesleyan University. Competing were Connecticut College and Trinity. The team's confidence was high after 3-1 drubbing of SUNY Utica/Rome last Tuesday and that seemed to carry over into the opening match against Connecticut College.

Going into this weekend's match the Continentals were 4-11 and were looking to add to their win total against a rather weak Connecticut squad. What at first looked like a hotly contested match turned into a blowout in favor of Hamilton.

Led by Barb Dalgish '02 and Katelyn Clark '02 the Continentals took it to the proverbial 'House' by extinguishing any hope of a Connecticut success with a 3-0 (30-13, 30-11, 30-25) victory over the Camels.

Dalgish was especially impressive, notching 11 kills and 10 digs. "Barb was on top of her game and when she's there it's hard to get her rattled," commented Emily Querna '05, who also had an impressive game, tallying 19 assists, five kills and five digs.

Jen Henkle '05 had her best game of the year, accumulating an impressive four assists, two kills and five digs. Henkle has earned praise for her hard work and determination from her teammates and she is quickly becoming a key player in the team's push back to respectability.

"She has really become a force on the team and I can always trust her to put the ball down," said Querna. "Not only is she a physically talented player but her knowledge of the game is at the level of some of the seniors on the team."

Despite the emergence of the freshman class and the leadership of the senior class, the Continentals dropped the final two games of the Quad to Trinity and Wesleyan putting them at 5-13 on the year.

"Our team has worked hard but we've been edged out of so many matches. We just aren't pulling through in the clutch," said Querna.

The Yankees Win, America Loses

by Andy Horner '03
and Charles Spiliotis '03
ANGRY SPORTS GUYS

Enough is enough already. Fans of Major League Baseball deserve more than this.

For the past nine seasons, the MLB playoffs have been like that nightmare that causes you to wake up in a cold sweat over and over again.

No matter how many times you have it, it doesn't get any better.

Since 1990, we have not seen a League Championship Series that did not include either the New York Yankees or Atlanta Braves.

We have seen these two large-market, high-budget monstrosities in the World Series a combined eight times in the last nine seasons.

And unfortunately for all of us true fans, it appears as though this trend will continue roughly until the end of the world. You ask yourself, "How did this happen?" Well, we don't have any answers.

The Braves are an offensively anemic bunch of over-the-hill role-players, and the Yankees are a collection of over-rated, over-paid, media-enhanced, egotists. George Steinbrenner, with the help of the national media and the Devil himself has managed to dupe fans into believing that every Yankee team he puts together is the feel-good story of the year.

Ted Turner, meanwhile, continues to put the most boring team in the history of the sport on the field every year, so we can all fall asleep on the couch.

As luck would have it, these two teams have met in the World Series twice so far, and it appears we are dangerously close to seeing the third coming this season. Admittedly, the first war between the two had a little excitement, albeit very little.

The Yankees dropped two games to the sleep-inducing southerners before their pact with Satan kicked in, and then it was smooth sailing.

They didn't appear to be concerned for their immortal souls as they popped champagne in the Bronx after their game six victory.

What's worse, their unholy union with the Evil one appears to have been long term, as the Yankees proceeded to win three of the most boring, one-sided fall classics of our lifetime.

Crushing the Braves and Padres in the blink of an eye, and downing a mistake-prone Mets squad in the lowest rated World Series since Mr. Nielsen invented his system, the Yankees have left most baseball fans staring at their TV sets with glazed over eyes and a bewildered expression.

So what happens now you ask? In a weakened economic market does Mr. Steinbrenner have enough capital to bribe his way through the ALCS and World Series once again?

As we speak, those damn Yankees appear to be edging closer to yet another two game lead in yet another playoff series, and as fans of America's pastime, we all should feel sick. The A's and the Astros were the better teams.

The A's and the Astros were supposed to win.

They were young, they were exciting, they were fun to watch.

They were what baseball needed.

Not the Yankees. Not the Braves. Not again.

Spec Sports Spotlight

Spotlight on: Chris Weeden '02

Interviewed by: Paul P. Jones '03

This week's "Spectator Athlete of the Week" is Continental running back Chris Weeden. This fellow CNYer rushed for 178 yards last Saturday against Bowdoin. He narrowly beat out IM football and Madden 2002 superstar Brett Zalaski '03 for this week's honors.

Name: Christopher Weeden Jr.
Year: 2002
Major/Minor: Economics / Government minor
Hometown/HS: Ilion, NY/ Ilion High School
Athletic Accolades: All-State team, Section 3 team champion and career rushing leader in Ilion HS history.
Family: Mom Patsy, Dad Chris, Sisters Kim '05 and Nikki,13.

Last year you were a solid running back, this year you are a great running back, what is the secret to your improvement and success: In years past, I played more sporadically. I credit my success to just being on the field more. It gives me a better chance to get into a rhythm when we have the ball.

How can the football team get a win: I think we are close, we just need to cut back on the number of mistakes we are making.

Most memorable moment of your athletic career: When my suite, suite 19, finally dethroned suite 13 as Milbank bowling champions.

You have had a lot of coaches over the years, is there one you really miss: Coach Schwartz, all the guys had fun with him and he was just a good guy.

What do you see yourself doing in 10 years: Who told you to ask me that question, my parents? I will let you know in 10 years.

If you could be anyone for a day, who would it be: Ryan Nolan '02, I would love to see exactly what in God's name goes through that kid's head each day.

Favorite Movie: Top Gun, there are way too many reasons for me to explain here.

Favorite professor: James Bradfield. I really enjoy his lectures and his many nuances keep me on the edge of my seat.

Favorite reality TV show: Temptation Island. I am really looking forward to Temptation 2, a very classy show that is wonderfully produced.

The Pub, VT, or Rock, rank them: Pub, Pub, and Pub - I can't take downtown anymore and my associates and I really enjoy the Pub. You don't have to deal with stupid people and the bartenders are great.

Best 80s rock group: That is a tough question because there are so many unbelievably great bands that came out of the 80s. From Van Halen with David Lee Roth to Poison and Motley Crue, to choose one just isn't possible.

At Hamilton would you rather be the smartest dumb kid, or the dumbest smart kid: I find myself more in the position of being the smartest dumb kid.

Are you a lover or a fighter: I am a fighter for love.

Commons or McEwen: Commons for atmosphere, McEwen for food.

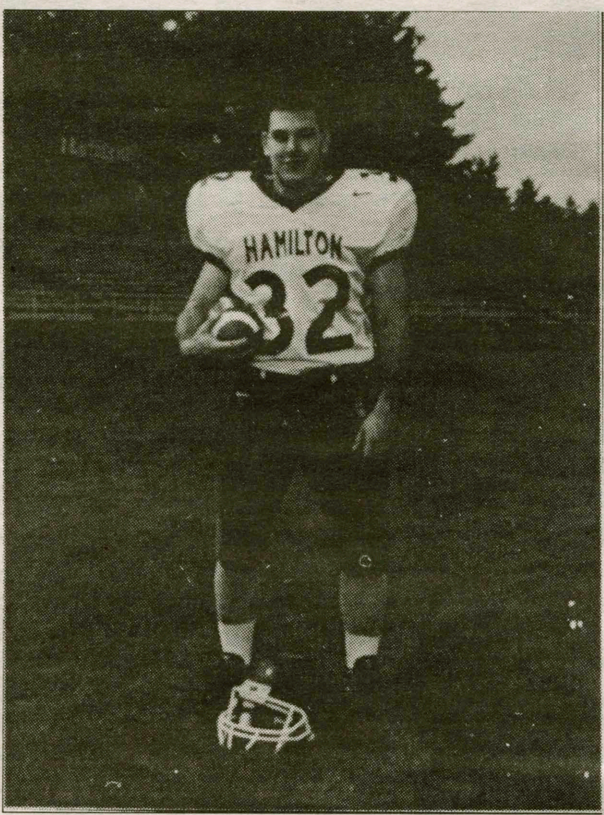
Favorite campus safety officer: I don't know his name but the one that told us that he was going to turn Milbank 13 into "whoop-ass alley".

So Chris, I have had the pleasure of hanging out with your sister on a couple of occasions and she is certainly a good looking young lady, do I have a chance: I would say the odds are about one in a million.

So you're saying I have a chance: Yeah, you've got a chance, you've got a good chance of not living to see the sun come up tomorrow.

All right Chris take it easy, please don't look at me like that, you are really starting to scare me.

There are plenty of younger sisters coming up for family weekend. I promise to stay far, far away from Kirkland 311.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Runningback Chris Weeden '02 gets grilled by Paul P. Jones '03 this week.

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several hits to get him down. "

Accompanying Weeden in the starting offensive lineup this week will be Mike Pellman '02, who will replace LiVigne after two weeks of coming off the bench.

LiVigne completed just nine of his 23 passes at Bowdoin for 76 yards, one touchdown, and four interceptions.

"We've just got to mix things up a bit," admitted Alvanos. "Sixteen turnovers in four games-four per game-that's killing us.... . We're not defeated though, and there has been no finger pointing."

That says a lot about the Continentals' character and leadership; however, those two attributes can only take you so far. In order to start winning Hamilton needs to do what its coach says: play as close to mistake-free football for four quarters as possible.

The team will attempt to do so this weekend versus Colby. Game time is set for noon.

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Hamilton Football loses to lowly Bowdoin

by Chris Preston '03
MANAGING EDITOR

If football games were two quarters long than perhaps our Continentals would be one of the better teams in the NESCAC.

Coach Pete Alvanos has stressed throughout the season that though his team has shown flashes of brilliance, it needs to learn to sustain its drives and defensive intensity for 60 minutes.

That, again, was not the case this past Saturday at lowly Bowdoin.

Entering the game with a 16-game losing streak, the Polar Bears represented Hamilton's best chance at victory to date.

Alvanos knew that if the Continentals didn't get on the scoreboard early, as they did in their well-played first half the previous week at Trinity, then "they would be in for a dog fight."

Unfortunately for the Conts, the opposite happened.

Bowdoin scored on its opening drive, just 3:02 into the game, on a five-yard Kevin Bougie scamper.

It scored again with 4:35 left before the half on a three-yard Mike Taylor run, forcing the Continentals to once again attempt to come from behind, down 14-0 at the half.

With one half of mediocre football behind them, the Conts came out of the gates more focused in the second half.

Chris Smith '04 and Joseph Mearn '02 sacked Bowdoin quarterback Justin Hardison, forcing a fumble which was recovered by Hamilton's Dave Spezzano '02 at the Polar Bear 27.

The Continentals, provided a golden opportunity by its defense, capitalized moments later on a 12-yard touchdown run by star running back Chris Weeden '02.

Suddenly they were back in the game. After Bowdoin answered back on its next possession, driving the length of the field and kicking a 17-yard field goal to make it 17-7, the Conts responded by scoring another touchdown on an eight-yard pass from quarterback Greg LiVigne'05 to Chris McCarthy '02. The Conts were within three at 17-14.

However, that's what the score remained until late in the fourth quarter, with the Conts squandering a chance to tie when Peter Simon '05 had his 29-yard field goal attempt blocked.

Once again, though, Hamilton was deep in Bowdoin territory with just under five minutes to play in the game.

On fourth and five LiVigne's pass was intercepted by Bowdoin's Sean Starke, who returned it 63 yards for the score.

This, for all intents and purposes, put the game out of reach at 23-14 and ended a Bowdoin losing streak that began in 1999. The nine-point loss left the Conts in a state of frustration.

"We're definitely frustrated," said Alvanos, "we let some opportunities go. Every play it seems like we have one or two guys break down, (but) for us to be successful we need all eleven guys to their jobs. We've got to make better decisions and we've got to put four quarters together.... . We realized that against Bowdoin."

To add to the 0-4 Continentals' woes was another injury in their secondary, Dave Spezzano '02, suffered a broken leg thus ending his season.

His absence will force Jay Wright '03 to take his place in a secondary that has already lost cornerback Marcus Juba '03 for the year.

One major bright spot for Hamilton, however, has been the emergence of Weeden as one of the best tailbacks in the NESCAC, who ran for 178 yards on 39 carries against Bowdoin.

"Chris is a work horse," said Alvanos. "Ever since we found out he has a second gear back in the Tufts game he's been the go-to guy. If we had to I'd give him the ball 50 times a game. His feet just never stop moving, it takes

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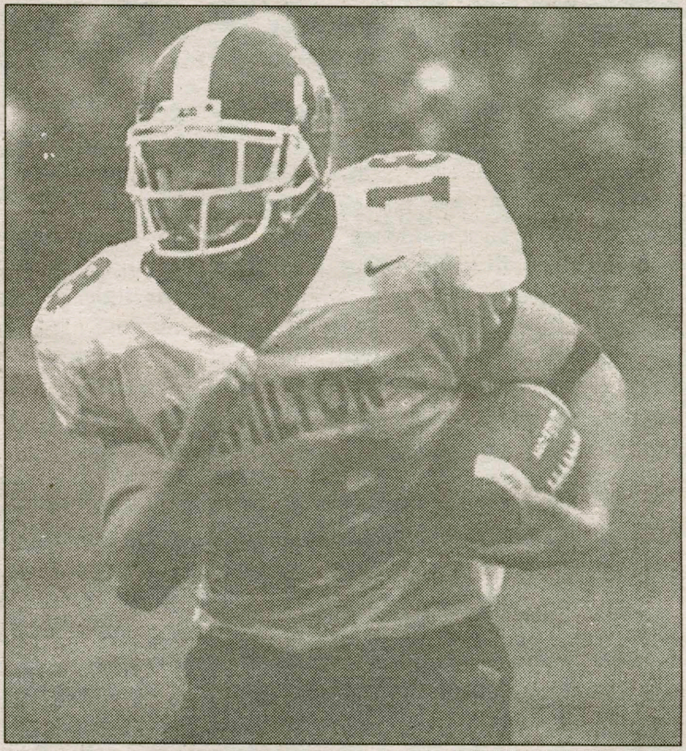

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Receiver Chris McCarthy (#18) turns upfield with the ball after a catch in a recent game. McCarthy is one of Hamilton's veteran receivers who must step up if the offense is to improve.

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Women's Cross-country ties Cortland for second place

by Michael Everhart '02
SPORTS WRITER

This season the women's cross-country team has learned that upstate New York weather is anything but consistent.

After competing in winter-like conditions over fall break, the Continentals experienced warm and humid conditions last weekend at the Albany Invitational.

"There was quite a change in the weather between last weekend and the previous weekend," said co-captain Becca Walker '02.

The team finished tied for second with SUNY Cortland with 91 points, 29 points behind champion SUNY Albany.

"Some people didn't react well to the heat and humidity, but we dealt with it nonetheless," said Coach Ellen Hull. "We performed pretty well overall this past weekend and tied Cortland, a strong team that should be taken seriously."

Co-captain Maggie Hanson '02 and Jen Cammarano '03 led the team by finishing first and second overall for the fourth time this season with times of 18:10.81 and 18:55.71, respectively. Hanson's time also set a new course record.

Finishing third on the team was Julianna Allport '05, who finished eighteenth overall with a time of 20:08.38. Next to finish was Margo Rockwell '05, with a twenty-sixth place finish and a time of 20:31.96.

Hanson said, "Albany ran the invitational really well, and there were lots of fans who cheered us on who didn't know us."

Rounding out the top five was Maura Boyle '04, who finished forty-fourth with a time of 21:06.85, ensuring a tie with SUNY Cortland.

Emily Cooper '05 finished fifty-second with a time of 21:28.39.

"We took this meet seriously, but some people intelligently decided not to compete as a preventative measure to avoid injuries. Some very important meets are coming up in the next few weeks," said Hull.

Finishing sixty-eighth and seventieth was the duo of Ruth Leoniuk '05 and Walker, with times of 22:27.37 and 22:39.35. Next on the team to finish, with times of 22:56.2 and 22:59.31, were Lara Clemenzi '04 and Greer Mahoney '05, respectively.

Rounding out the team were Marisabel Portillo '03 and Thanh-Thao Tran '05 and Jen Manierre '05, with times of 23:20.2, 24:49.17, and 26:33.

The team, now ranked twentieth in the nation, does not compete this weekend, but travels to Bowdoin College next weekend to compete in the NESCAC Championships.

"I'm especially looking forward to NESCAC's because Bowdoin's ten minutes from my house, so the team's going to stop there," said Hanson.

"As always, the NESCAC teams are very strong, and almost half of the eleven teams are ranked nationally," added Hull.

Last year the Continentals finished third behind champion Middlebury and Williams with Cammarano finishing sixth overall.

Hanson said, "NESCAC's is always a very competitive meet and I think we can do really well there. Middlebury and Williams are very good again this year, and Bowdoin also looks pretty strong. We're looking forward to seeing Williams again after losing to them earlier this season."

The weekend after NESCAC's the Continentals are hosting the NYSCTC Championships.

Walker said, "We're pretty happy with where we are right now as a team and everyone seems to be having a good season and getting along."

Sports

Up and down stretch leaves post season hopes for Men's Soccer in jeopardy

by Josh Sargen '05
SPORTS WRITER

Heartbreak and resilience have characterized the men's soccer team's performance over the past two weeks.

The first heartbreak came in the form of a tough 2-1 road defeat at the hands of perennial contender Skidmore two weeks ago.

The game was tied 1-1 when the Continentals had a three on one breakaway ending in a mistouched ball.

The errant pass led to a counter-attack by the Skidmore forwards that concluded with the game-winning goal being pushed past goalie Doug Bellard '02.

The sequence resulting in the go-ahead goal can partly be attributed to Skidmore's artificial turf field.

This type of field is much faster than natural grass and is also fairly unique.

Skidmore is one of only a handful of college teams who plays on turf.

Consequently, Hamilton spent much of the game trying to adjust to the quicker brand of soccer that results from playing on an artificial surface.

"It was a major problem playing on turf," Coach Perry Nizzi commented. "Defensively it was tough adjusting to the speed of the ball. Both goals they scored were open net. The surface was certainly a main factor."

Despite the problems caused by the turf, the Continentals produced numerous scoring chances throughout the game.

In the final eight minutes following Skidmore's second goal, Hamilton put pressure on the opposing defense.

Nizzi said, "We dominated the last eight minutes but we just couldn't seem to find the back of the net. We created enough chances to win the game."

Following a difficult loss, teams usually need a few days to recover from the exhaustion and disappointment.

The team's schedule prevented any time for recovery and presented the team with another conference road match against Union.

In the first 62 minutes of the game, Hamilton looked as if they would not be able to recover from their previous defeat.

Union was winning 2-0 and the Continentals faced the possibility, with a potential second conference loss looming, of being shut out of the league playoff picture.

Nizzi commented, "We let Union score some opportunistic goals. That was a product of the first loss of the year and the fatigue factor coming off back-to-back games. Fatigue leads to more offensive opportunities."

With 28 minutes remaining, the team appeared revitalized and Dave Alchus '04 put the Continentals on the board to cut the deficit in half.

Six minutes later, Mike Thompson '03 put a beautiful shot into the upper corner of the net to tie the game at 2-2.

At the 15-minute mark, Sky Gellatly '03's goal put Hamilton ahead 3-2.

However, Union would tie the game up at 3-3 and send the game into overtime.

After a hard fought overtime by both teams, the Continentals were able to tally the game-winning goal with 33 seconds remaining.

Nick Wilson '02 drove a free kick from 30 yards out to Ernest Kwarteng '02. Kwarteng volleyed the ball into the corner of the net for a dramatic come from behind victory.

"That goal was pure determination," Nizzi explained. "This is truly a team builder to win a game when your back is up against the wall."

After splitting its weekend conference series, the team had to guard against a let down facing non-conference opponent SUNY Brockport.

Playing on a field that was extremely muddy, the Continentals did not show a lack of intensity and prevailed 1-0 behind forward Wes Sherman's '04 goal.

Nizzi described the efforts of his defense as "outstanding" and also commented, "SUNY Brockport is a very dangerous attacking team with strong forwards. All of our defenders were able to mark and defend the opposing team's players. The defense was phenomenal and really helped us out big time."

"That was the toughest weekend we've had in my four years here as head coach," said Nizzi.

Things did not get any easier for the Continentals this past week, as they faced a competitive Clarkson team on Friday and perennial powerhouse St. Lawrence on Saturday.

On Friday the Continentals emerged victorious by a score of 3-1.

Saturday, the team lost another heartbreaking, hard fought game, again by a score of 2-1.

Clarkson proved no match for Hamilton's potent offense.

Alchus started the scoring with a beautiful shot from outside the box.

Nizzi described the goal saying, "Alchus just hit a pill from about 30 yards out."

Sherman followed Alchus' tally with two insurance goals to put the game out of reach early in the second half.

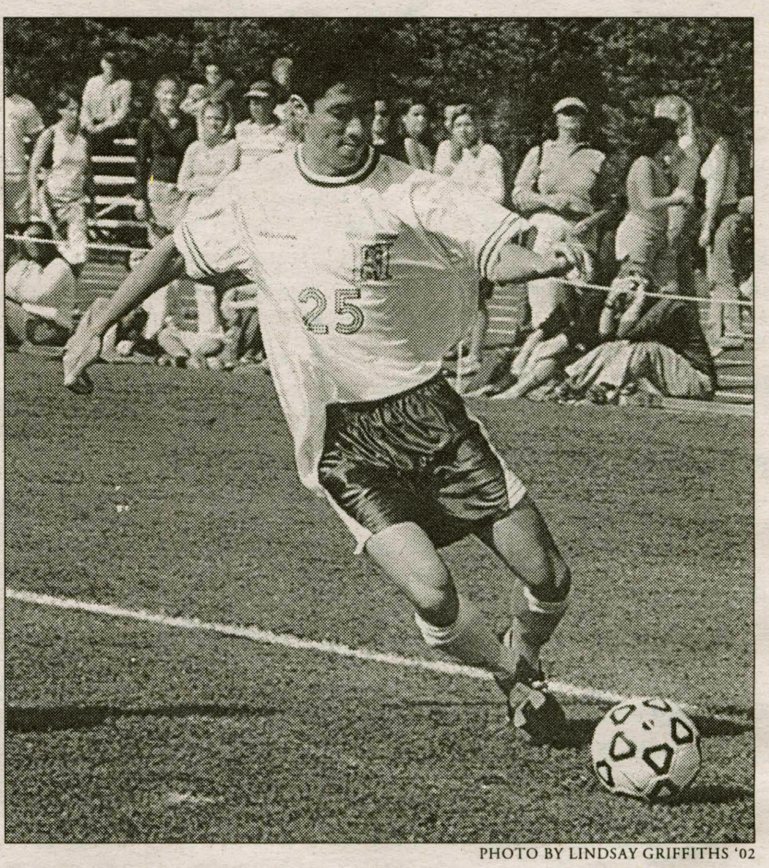

PHOTO BY LINDSAY GRIFFITHS '02

Hamilton midfielder Robert Nung (#25) keeps the ball inbounds during a recent home game. The midfield has been a key factor in Hamilton's offensive sucess.

Hamilton's offense provided the same quick start against St. Lawrence the following day.

Gellatly stole the ball around midfield and carried it to the end line. He hit a left footed cross to the far post where midfielder

Thompson played a header into the back of the net.

Nizzi said the goal was "picture perfect."

Approximately mid-way through the first half, the Continentals appeared to have scored their second goal.

Wilson tossed in a ball from the sideline towards the opposing net and St. Lawrence's keeper misplayed it.

The ball seemed to roll past the goal line when a St. Lawrence defender cleared it immediately.

The referee claimed he saw the ball enter the net but was not counting it because of a previous call that he wanted to make.

The controversial goal played an extremely large part in determining the outcome of the game.

St. Lawrence, had the goal been allowed, would have felt the need to pressure the ball more and create extra chances.

Playing that way, they inevitably would have presented more chances for the Continental's offense through mistakes as a result of their aggressiveness.

Gellatly commented, "Being up 2-0 would have really scared them."

However, playing only one goal behind permitted St. Lawrence to stay within their game plan.

The Saints tied the game later in the half when forward Ryan O' Doud slipped the ball past Bellard.

In the second half, forward Ryan Carruth tallied the game winner with a fantastic shot that deflected off of the top of the crossbar and into the net.

The Continentals' chances of making the tournament were significantly lessened by the St. Lawrence loss.

St. Lawrence clinched this year's conference championship with its victory on Saturday.

Thus, the Saints claimed the automatic NCAA bid that accompanies a conference championship.

Hamilton's only possibility for making the field of 44 is through being selected by a coaches' committee for one of ten at large bids nation wide.

The bids are generally spread out geographically so only one or two northeastern teams realistically has a shot at being selected.

Nevertheless, Nizzi and his players feel reasonably optimistic about their chances of being chosen for an at large bid.

They do realize, however, that they must go undefeated in their last five games, all of which are home, to have an opportunity at playing in the tournament.

Nizzi said, "If we win out, our chances are above average." Hamilton's success last year in the NCAA's should also improve its odds of making the field.

The team reached the regional finals, marking its strongest showing ever.

Gellatly added, "I we win the rest of our games, making us 12-2, coupled with our showing last year in the tournament, our chances are pretty strong."

The men's soccer team looks to heighten its chances for an NCAA bid this weekend.

Crew season kicks off at Head of Mowhawk

by Beth Scagnelli '04
SPORTS WRITER

After numerous delays resulting from situations beyond their control, the Hamilton crew team finally kicked off its season this past weekend.

The weekend started out on Saturday, October 13, when the Men's and Women's Novice team engaged in their first regatta at the Head of the Mohawk Regatta in Schenectady.

They rowed against boats from Colgate, Ithaca, RPI, Williams, Clarkson, and Union, Hamilton's long-standing rival. The Women's Eight took fourth out of eleven boats, and were only one minute and 30 seconds behind the winning boat. The Men's Eight also did excellently, placing third out of ten, missing second place by only two seconds.

Coach Mike Gilbert said, "[I was] extremely pleased with how the Novices performed in their first competitions, but was most excited about how they now seem hungry to build off of the great feeling they had at the Mohawk."

Altogether, the regatta was an impressive start to the Novice season.

On Sunday, October 14, the Varsity team traveled to Rochester to take part in the Stonehurst Regatta, a challenging event comprised of both a three-mile head race and a 1600 meter sprint. The first boat to launch was the Women's Heavyweight Four, led by stroke Shana Weinberg '05 and coxswain Matt Baum '03. This boat did the best of the Hamilton boats at Stonehurst, coming in tenth out of the 17 boats that rowed.

The Men's Heavyweight Four was the next to row, with stroke seat Kevin Hall '04 and coxswain Reid Anderson '02 in the fore.

They finished 14th out of 15. The Women's Lightweight Eight, next to launch, had some trouble at the starting line due do strong winds, resulting in damage of the boat's steering mechanism.

The piece was replaced, but since they couldn't row at their

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